

TOWNSHIP OF DOWNE

ORDINANCE NO. 2015 - 6

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CUMBERLAND SALEM REGIONAL MUNICIPAL COURT

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined it to be in the best interest of the residents of Downe Township to maintain the option to have a Joint Municipal Court as provided in N.J.S.A. 2B:12-1; and,

WHEREAS, the Downe Township Municipal Code deals with the provisions for a Township Municipal Court; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined to eliminate the currently existing Joint Court with Commercial Township but in doing so does desire to preserve the legal structure for a single Municipal Court for Downe Township should the operation of a Joint Municipal Court no prove at some point in the future to be in the best interest of the residents of Downe Township;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Downe, County of Cumberland and State of New Jersey that the Downe Township Code be hereby amended to provide as follows:

Municipal Court for the Township of Downe shall be established as a Joint Municipal Court unless at some future point the Township Committee by a majority vote determines to operate an individual Township Municipal Court pursuant to the provisions of Township Municipal Ordinance. Effective July 1, 2015, Downe Township shall participate in the Joint Court known as the Cumberland Salem Regional Municipal Court unless the Township Committee determines at some future point by Resolution that such participation shall no longer be in the best interest of Downe Township. During such time as Downe Township is a member of the Cumberland Salem Regional Municipal Court, its participation shall be controlled by an Agreement establishing and setting forth the conditions and obligations pertaining to the operations of the Cumberland Salem Regional Municipal Court. In the event Downe Township shall withdraw from participation in the Cumberland Salem Regional Municipal Court, then the Municipal Court of Downe Township shall be operated pursuant to the Code of Downe Township as the same may be amended from time to time.

Section One. Repealer. All former Ordinances of the Township of Downe which are in conflict with the provisions contained in this Ordinance are hereby repealed upon the adoption of this Ordinance.

Section Two. Severability. If any part or parts of this Ordinance are held to be invalid for any reason such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section Three. This Ordinance shall take effect after final approval and publication as required by law.

NOTICE

Please take notice that the above Ordinance was passed on first reading by the Township Committee of the Township of Downe on May 4, 2015. A Public Hearing and second reading for final adoption of same will be held on June 8, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Complex located at 288 Main Street, Newport, New Jersey 08345.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Constance S. Garton', written over a horizontal line.

Constance S. Garton, Municipal Clerk