

**TOWNSHIP OF UPPER DEERFIELD**

**ORDINANCE # 729**

**AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 683, AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT KNOWN AS THE CUMBERLAND-SALEM REGIONAL MUNICIPAL COURT AND AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR THE OPERATION OF A JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF DEERFIELD, TOWNSHIP OF GREENWICH, TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, TOWNSHIP OF PITTSBORO, BOROUGH OF SHILOH, TOWNSHIP OF STOW CREEK AND TOWNSHIP OF UPPER DEERFIELD**

**WHEREAS**, on November 17, 2011, Upper Deerfield Township adopted Ordinance No. 683 authorizing the participation in the Joint Municipal Court (hereinafter “Joint Municipal Court”) by the Township of Deerfield, Township of Greenwich, Township of Hopewell, Township of Lawrence, Township of Pittsgrove, Borough of Shiloh, Township of Stow Creek and Township of Upper Deerfield (hereinafter the “Participating Municipalities”); and

**WHEREAS**, in furtherance of the establishment of the Joint Municipal Court, the Participating Municipalities entered into an Agreement for the Operation of the Joint Municipal Court dated January 9, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, the Joint Municipal Court has become known as the “CS Regional Municipal Court”; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the January 9, 2012 Agreement between the Participating Municipalities, the CS Regional Municipal Court Committee was established; and

**WHEREAS**, Downe Township has requested to become a participant in the CS Regional Municipal Court; and

**WHEREAS**, the CS Regional Municipal Court Committee has reviewed the request from Downe Township and recommended to the Participating Municipalities that Downe Township be admitted as a participant to the CS Regional Municipal Court; and

**WHEREAS**, all Participating Municipalities have approved the inclusion of Downe Township in the CS Regional Municipal Court; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of Upper Deerfield Township has determined to admit Downe Township as a Participating Municipality in the CS Regional Municipal Court and to take the action necessary to amend the existing CS Regional Municipal Court Agreement dated January 9, 2012.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the Upper Deerfield Township Committee as follows:

1. Ordinance No. 683 be and the same is hereby amended to authorize participation by Downe Township in the Joint Municipal Court known as CS Regional Municipal Court.
2. The Participating Municipalities, following the adoption of this Amendment to Ordinance No. 683, will be Downe Township, Township of Deerfield, Township of Greenwich, Township of Hopewell, Township of Lawrence, Township of Pittsgrove, Borough of Shiloh, Township of Stow Creek and Township of Upper Deerfield.
3. The terms and conditions associated with the admission of Downe Township to the CS Regional Municipal Court are that Downe Township shall agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the January 9, 2012 Agreement and further that it shall remain a member of the CS Regional Municipal Court for a period of not less than three (3) years from July 1, 2015, (the "Effective Date") of the Amendment to the Joint Municipal Court Agreement and shall have no right to withdraw prior to the expiration of three (3) years from the Effective Date.
4. The Upper Deerfield Township Mayor and Clerk/Administrator are hereby authorized to execute an Amendment to the Joint Municipal Court Agreement to permit the participation by Downe Township and to amend that Agreement to provide that Downe Township's participation shall be for a period of not less than three (3) years from the Effective Date of July 1, 2015.
5. This Amended Ordinance shall be conditioned upon, and shall not take effect unless and until all Participating Municipalities adopt an Ordinance authorizing participation in the CS Regional Municipal Court by Downe Township and further authorizing and joining in the Amendment to the Joint Municipal Court Agreement dated January 9, 2012.

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James Crilley, Chairman

Adopted May 21, 2015

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Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk

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