

**HARMONY BOROUGH
BUTLER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORDINANCE NO. 379**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF HARMONY TO ORGANIZE A
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH OTHER INCORPORATING
MUNICIPALITIES OF BUTLER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of Harmony Borough (hereinafter "Borough") hereby consents to joining the Butler County Council of Governments, a council of governments formed under the provisions of Act 180 for the purpose of providing various services; and

WHEREAS, The Borough Council of the Borough of Harmony fully supports intergovernmental cooperation as a means to provide efficient services to our residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Harmony, Butler County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

SECTION 1. ENABLING ACT.

The Borough is authorized pursuant to the authority of the Act of December 19, 1996, P.L. 1158, as amended (53 Pa.C.S. § 2301 *et seq.*) (hereinafter the "Act") to jointly cooperate with other local governments in the exercise or performance of their respective governmental functions, powers or responsibilities, and the Borough hereby signifies its intention and desire to organize a council of governments under the provisions of law, including but not limited to the Act. Said organization shall be known as the Butler County Council of Governments (hereinafter the "Butler County COG").

SECTION 2. MEMBERSHIP IN THE BUTLER COUNTY COG.

The Borough Council hereby consents to joining the Butler County COG, a council of governments formed under the provisions of Act 180 for the purpose of providing various services, including but not limited to, the purposes identified in the Bylaws of the Butler County COG attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A", as may be amended from time to time by the Butler County COG. The Butler County COG shall be supported by contributions from its members, grants and fees for services. Real and personal property may be purchased, sold or leased by the Butler County COG, in accordance with applicable law. No new entity is being created which would be empowered by 53 Pa.C.S. § 2307(7) to enter into contracts for policies of group insurance and employee benefits, including Social Security.

The Borough Council of the Borough of Harmony is hereby authorized to enter into contracts with the Butler County COG to provide such services, programs and joint purchases as the Borough Council of the Borough shall, by resolution, determine from time to time.

