

ORDINANCE NO. 3 of 2022

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EXETER  
DISBANDING ITS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Adopted at a Public Meeting Held on**

**December 28, 2022**

**EXETER BOROUGH**

**WHEREAS**, the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, through the Governor's Center for Local Government Services, established a program to encourage municipalities to enter into cooperative agreements for the purpose of regionalizing police services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Act of December 19, 1996, P.L. 1158, No. 177, §1, 53 Pa. C.S.A. §2301, et seq., the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, permits municipalities to enter into agreements to cooperate in the performance of their respective functions, powers, or responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of West Pittston, Exeter Township, the Borough of Exeter, the Borough of Wyoming and the Borough of West Wyoming believe the formation of a regional police commission and regional police department would be beneficial in protecting the public health, safety, and general welfare of its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of West Pittston, Exeter Township, the Borough of Exeter, the Borough of Wyoming and the Borough of West Wyoming recognize that a regional police department would provide comprehensive, quality police protection in a more efficient and cost-effective manner for the participating municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, the Borough of West Pittston, Exeter Township, the Borough of Exeter, the Borough of Wyoming and the Borough of West Wyoming entered into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement which was approved by a majority vote of the governing bodies of the Borough of West Pittston, Exeter Township and the Borough of Exeter, the Borough of Wyoming and the Borough of West Wyoming and enacted by an ordinance by their respective governing bodies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wyoming Area Regional Police Commission was subsequently established pursuant to an intermunicipal cooperation agreement entitled the "*Intermunicipal Agreement Creating the Wyoming Area Regional Police Commission and Wyoming Area Regional Police Department*" (hereinafter the "Agreement").

**WHEREAS**, the Wyoming Area Regional Police Department ("WARP") has notified the Borough of Exeter that it shall become active and commence provision of police services to Exeter Borough as of December 31, 2022 at 12:59 p.m.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED** by the Council of Exeter Borough, County of Luzerne, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the authority of the same as follows:

1. The recitals of this Ordinance as set forth above are incorporated herein by reference.

2. Pursuant to the requirements of 8 P.S. § 1122, the Borough Code, the Exeter Borough Police Department is **HEREBY DISBANDED** effective on December 31, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. and upon the WARP actively commencing law enforcement and police activities. The WARP is **HEREBY APPOINTED AND ACCEPTED** as the police force of Exeter Borough effective January 1, 2023.

3. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon enactment hereof.

**DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED** this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022, by a majority vote of the Exeter Borough Council in lawful session duly assembled.

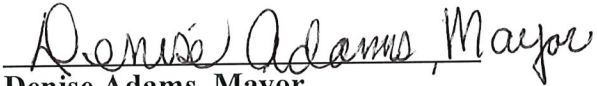
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**Joseph Pizano, President**

ATTEST:

  
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**Secretary**

APPROVED:

  
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**Denise Adams, Mayor**