

ORDINANCE NO. 42

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CATHARINE, BLAIR COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING A MUNICIPAL DRUG TASK FORCE AGREEMENT WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA AND WITH OTHER MUNICIPALITIES TO ENFORCE NARCOTICS AND ILLEGAL DRUG LAWS AND THEREBY PRESERVE THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Catharine, County of Blair, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same as follows:

ARTICLE I TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known as the Catharine Township Municipal Drug Task Force Agreement.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose and objectives of the Drug Task Force Agreement shall be to foster region-wide and local coordination of state and municipal activities to combat the use and trafficking of illegal drugs and narcotics and thereby to preserve the health, safety and welfare of Township residents.

ARTICLE III GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. The Township of Catharine acting pursuant to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, Act of 12 July 1972, No. 180 (53 P.S. 481 et seq.) hereby enacts this Ordinance authorizing the execution of a Municipal Drug Task Force Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "Agreement") with the Office of the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to enforce narcotics and illegal drug laws.

Section 2. The Township of Catharine hereby gives evidence of its intent to participate in the Municipal Drug Task Force activities in cooperation with the Commonwealth's Office of Attorney General, designed to interdict the illegal use and trafficking of narcotics and other illegal drugs within its municipal boundaries as well as within the boundaries of nearby municipalities.

Section 3. This Agreement may include intergovernmental cooperative activities with adjacent and nearby municipal governments as part of a regional effort to interdict illegal drug and narcotic activities.

Section 4. The appropriate officers of Catharine Township are herewith authorized to execute on behalf of the Township such Agreements with the Attorney General

of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and also with such other municipalities as the Catharine Township Board of Supervisors approves and authorizes from time to time, which Agreements are first approved and authorized by the Board of Supervisors at any authorized meeting of that Board.

Section 5. The Township of Catharine hereby authorizes Drug Task Force personnel to operate within the geographical boundaries of Catharine Township as may be necessary to interdict, prevent and prosecute the use and trafficking of illegal drugs and narcotics within said boundaries or nearby communities or municipalities.

Section 6. Catharine Township shall establish necessary procedures to comply with all relevant provisions of the Agreement and relevant regulations, direction and guidance from the Office of the Attorney General.

Section 7. The term of Agreement shall commence upon its execution by all parties involved therein and it may be terminated at any time by any party upon thirty (30) days written notice to all parties involved.

Section 8. This Agreement shall be financed with the assistance of funds supplied by the Office of the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Section 9. The organizational structure necessary to implement the terms of this Agreement shall be covered by directives, procedures, and guidance from the Office of the Attorney General and other area police departments.

Section 10. All property, real or personal, acquired, managed or disposed of pursuant to this Agreement shall be in accordance with the terms of the Agreement as well as directives, procedures, and guidance of the Office of the Attorney General.

Section 11. The municipality shall retain responsibility for the management, control, and direction of its employees involved with task force activities with assistance, financial or otherwise, from the Office of the Attorney General.

Section 12. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption by the Board of Supervisors.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Catharine Township Board of Supervisors on this 10th day of September 1996.

Attest: Christine E. Shankoff Signed: David Cohen
Barric R. Lyford Ralph T. Pasquel