## ORDINANCE NO. 5-02

AN ORDINANCE OF DELAWARE TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYVANIA, ELECTING TO ENROLL IN THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM UNDER ARTICLE IV OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT LAW: AGREEING TO BE BOUND BY ALL PROVISIONS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT LAW AS AMENDED AND AS APPLICABLE TO MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES JOINING UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE: STATING WHICH OF CERTAIN OPTIONS PERMITTED UNDER THE SAID LAW ARE ACCEPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP. BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY DELAWARE TOWNSHIP, MERCER COUNTY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. Delaware Township hereby elects to enroll its municipal employees in the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System, as authorized by the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law, Act 15 of 1974 as amended, with the express purpose of having the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System administer the retirement plan established by the Township for the municipal employees. The Township does hereby agree to be bound by all the requirements and provisions of said Law and to assume all obligations, financial and otherwise, placed upon member municipalities. All references hereafter shall be based on benefits negotiated between the Board and the municipality under the provisions of Article IV of the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law.

SECTION II. Membership in the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System shall be mandatory for all permanent municipal employees of the Township. Membership for elected officials and employees hired on a temporary or seasonal basis is prohibited, as is membership for individuals paid only on a fee basis.

SECTION III. Credit for prior service for original members is granted for each year or partial year thereof that the member was employed by the Township from original date of hire or the expiration of the member's probationary period if one so existed. Benefits provided to members in the agreement dated May 17, 2002, shall accrue based on all credited service granted and earned in accordance with this section.

SECTION IV. Payment for any obligation established by the adoption of this ordinance and the agreement between the System and Delaware Township shall be made by the Township in accordance with the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law and Act 205 of 1984, the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act.

SECTION V. As part of this ordinance, the Township agrees that the system shall provide the benefits set forth in the agreement between the Board and Delaware Township, dated May 17, 2002. The passage and adoption of this ordinance by Delaware Township is an official acceptance of said agreement and the financial obligations resulting from the administration of said benefit package. Delaware Township hereby assumes all liability for any unfundedness created due to the acceptance of the benefit structure outlined in the above-referenced agreement.

SECTION VI. Delaware Township intends this ordinance to be the complete authorization of the Township's municipal pension plan.

SECTION VII. A duly certified copy of this ordinance and the referenced agreement shall be filed with the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Membership for the municipal pension plan of Delaware Township in the Pennsylvania Retirement System shall be effective the first day of January, 2002.

ORDAINED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2002.

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