BOROUGH OF JEFFERSON HILLS

ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 909

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF JEFFERSON HILLS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, SUBMITTING THE QUESTION OF WHETHER A GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSION OF SEVEN MEMBERS SHOULD BE ELECTED TO STUDY THE EXISTING FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE BOROUGH, TO CONSIDER THE ADVISABILITY OF THE ADOPTION OF A HOME RULE CHARTER, AND IF ADVISABLE, TO DRAFT AND TO RECOMMEND A HOME RULE CHARTER TO THE NOVEMBER 2024 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT.

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Home Rule Charter and Option Plans Law, 53 Pa.C.S. Section 2901, et seq., allows the governing body of a municipality, by ordinance, to place on the ballot one of three authorized questions for consideration by voters of such municipality; and

WHEREAS, Borough Council believes that voters of the Borough of Jefferson Hills should vote to determine whether a study commission should be formed to study the existing form of government of the Borough of Jefferson Hills and consider the advisability of adopting a home rule charter and, if deemed advisable, to draft and recommend a home rule charter.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Jefferson Hills as follows:

SECTION 1. An election shall be held at the 2024 General Election on the following question, authorized in Section 2911(a) of the Home Rule Charter and Optional Plans Law:

Shall a government study commission of seven (7) members be elected to study the existing form of government of the municipality, to consider the advisability of the adoption of a home rule charter and, if advisable, to draft and to recommend a home rule charter?

SECTION 2. Within five (5) days after the enactment of this Ordinance, the Borough Secretary shall file with the Allegheny County Board of Elections a certified copy of this Ordinance together with a copy of the question to be submitted to the electors.

SECTION 3. The terms, conditions and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and should any portion, part, or provision of this Ordinance be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, non-enforceable or unconstitutional, the Borough Council hereby declares its intent that the Ordinance shall have been enacted without regard to the invalid, non-enforceable, or unconstitutional portion, part or provision of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. Any and all other Ordinances or parts of Ordinance in violation or in conflict with the terms, conditions and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such irreconcilable conflict.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

NOW, be it ORDAINED AND ADOPTED, by the Borough Council this <u>8th</u> day of <u>July</u>, 2024.

ATTEST:

Michael Glister

Acting Borough Manager

BOROUGH OF JEFFERSON HILLS

By:

Mellssa Steffey, Borough President Jefferson Hills Borough Council