TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS MORRIS COUNTY – NEW JERSEY ORDINANCE NO. 07-24

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF FLORHAM PARK CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF A SEWER PUMP STATION AND GOVERNING THE TREATMENT OF SEWAGE FLOWS

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Morris they being the governing body thereof as follows:

SECTION ONE:

WHEREAS, litigation was initiated by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth which litigation sought to impose upon the Township of Morris the operation and maintenance of a certain sewer pumping station located in Florham Park near the intersection of park Avenue and Punch Bowl Road; and

WHEREAS, the lawsuit was expanded to include the Borough of Florham Park, the Morris County Golf Club and the Villa at Florham Park (later called Florham Park properties, LLC); and

WHEREAS, an overall resolution was reached by the parties (with the exception of Florham Park properties, LLC) pursuant to which the Borough of Florham Park will assume the operation and maintenance of the pump station and the Township of Morris will continue to treat the sewage flows as it has in the past, with an increase in flows to accommodate an affordable housing development in Florham Park; and

WHEREAS, Morris Township and Florham Park Borough have reached an agreement between them governing, among other things, sewage treatment responsibilities, billing arrangements, division of connection fees, a courtesy credit back to Florham Park and an affirmation of Florham Park's obligations to operate and maintain the pump station; and

WHEREAS, the agreement has been reduced to writing, and will continue to govern these affairs between the two municipalities for the foreseeable future;

WHEREAS, the Township Committee desires to enter into a Shared Services Agreement in a manner substantially the same as that attached hereto as **Exhibit "A,"** and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Morris that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Shared Services Agreement based upon the terms and conditions set forth herein and, in a manner, substantially similar to the one attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"**.

SECTION TWO:

If any portion of this ordinance shall be deemed invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder shall survive in full force and effect.

SECTION THREE:

All Ordinances of the Township of Morris which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION FOUR:

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication thereof, as provided for by law.

The foregoing is a true copy of an ordinance introduced and adopted on first reading by the governing body of the Township of Morris on March 20, 2024.

	TOWNSHIP OF MORRIS
ATTEST:	Donna J. Guariglia, Mayor
Suzanne Walsh, Township Clerk	

INTRODUCTION: March 20, 2024

ADOPTION: April 17, 2024