

CITY OF SHAMOKIN  
NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO 21-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SHAMOKIN, NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF SHAMOKIN THE QUESTION OF ELECTING A GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSION AT THE MAY 18, 2021 PRIMARY ELECTION.

**WHEREAS**, the Home Rule Charter and Optional Plans Law, 53 Pa.C.S. §2911(a), authorizes the governing body of a municipality to approve by ordinance the submission of a question to the electors of a municipality to form a government study commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing body of the City desires to submit a question to the City's electors on whether to form a government study commission.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHAMOKIN** that:

**SECTION 1.** City Council authorizes Northumberland County Board of Election to place the following question before the electors of the City of Shamokin at the May 18, 2021, primary election:

**“Shall a government study commission of seven members be elected to study the existing form of government of the municipality; to consider the advisability of the adoption of an optional form of government or a home rule charter; to recommend the adoption of an optional form of government, or to draft and recommend a home rule charter?”**

**SECTION 2.** City Council authorizes the municipal secretary to file a certified copy of this ordinance with the Northumberland County Board of Elections together with a copy of the question to be submitted to the City's electors.

**SECTION 3.** If any section, clause, provision or portion of this Ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect any other section, clause, provisions or portion of this Ordinance so long as it remains legally enforceable minus the invalid portion. The City reserves the right to amend this Ordinance or any

portion thereof from time to time as it shall deem advisable in the best interests of the promotion of the purposes and intent of this Ordinance and the effective administration thereof.

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance is enacted by the Council of the City of Shamokin under Authority of the Act of the Legislature, November 24, 2015, Act No.67 known as the Third Class City Code and any other applicable law arising under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**SECTION 5.** This Ordinance shall become effective as provided by the City Code.

**ORDAINED** and ENACTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SHAMOKIN

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ROBERT M. SLABY, City Administrator

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JOHN J. BROWN, Mayor

Copy of the Question to be Submitted to the Electors  
(53 Pa.C.S. §2911(c))

**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 an optional form of government or a home rule charter; to recommend the adoption of an optional form of government, or to draft and recommend a home rule charter?**