

R10-103
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF
MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE
OF NEW JERSEY, RELATIVE TO THE FORMATION OF
A MUNICIPAL CONSOLIDATION STUDY COMMISSION
WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL, PURSUANT
TO N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 ET SEQ.

WHEREAS, in the New Jersey Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., the New Jersey Legislature found and declared that it to be in the public interest to encourage contiguous municipalities to consider consolidation as a means of insuring more rational control of growth and development, more efficient provision of local services and more effective public administration; and

WHEREAS, in the New Jersey Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., the New Jersey Legislature further found and declared that the State should provide technical and financial assistance to encourage such consideration in those instances where it may be appropriate, and where voluntarily agreed to by the municipalities involved; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., provides for the procedure whereby the governing body of any municipality proposing to consolidate with one or more other municipalities may, by ordinance or resolution, propose the formation of a Municipal Consolidation Study Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Cherry Hill adopted a Resolution seek the formation of a Municipal Consolidation Study Commission, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., on or about September 13, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville wishes to, by this Resolution, seek the formation of a Municipal Consolidation Study Commission, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. with the Township of Cherry Hill; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville wishes to propose the formation of a Municipal Consolidation Study Commission with the Township of Cherry Hill, to study the feasibility of a proposed consolidation of the Borough of Merchantville and the Township of Cherry Hill; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Frank M. North, Mayor of the Borough of Merchantville, be and hereby is authorized to appoint a committee of five (5) citizens of the Borough of Merchantville, to meet and work with representatives of the Township of Cherry Hill in the preparation and submission the application to the Local Finance Board of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, as required by N.J.S.A. 40A:65-25(c), relative to the creation of a Municipal Consolidation Study Commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville expressly reserves the right to rescind the Resolution at any time should the respective municipal parties be fail to agree on the person and/or corporation to perform the consolidation study: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville expressly reserves the right to rescind the Resolution at any time should the

Township of Cherry Hill fail to agree to share equally in all costs associated within this Resolution including, but not limited to, the costs incurred by the Municipal Consolidation Study Commission and the costs of the preparation and submission the application to the Local Finance Board of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs relative to the creation of a Municipal Consolidation Study Commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Denise Brouse, Clerk of the Borough of Merchantville, shall forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Clerk of the Township of Cherry Hill within five (5) days of the date of its adoption.

THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE

BY: _____
FRANK M. NORTH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

DENISE BROUSE, BOROUGH CLERK

I, **DENISE BROUSE**, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Merchantville, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by Borough Council at a meeting of said Borough Council on September 27, 2010, and that said Resolution passed by a majority vote of the members of Borough Council.

DENISE BROUSE, BOROUGH CLERK