

**R23-53**  
**A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN  
THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE AND THE BOROUGH  
OF BARRINGTON RELATIVE TO THE SERVICES OF A  
CHIEF MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICER BY AND FOR THE  
BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE AS AMENDED**

**THIS DOCUMENT** constitutes a Shared Services Agreement pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. entered into by and between the Borough of Merchantville, a body politic and corporate of the State of New Jersey with offices located at 1 West Maple Avenue, Merchantville, New Jersey 08109 (Merchantville), and the Borough of Barrington, a body politic and corporate of the State of New Jersey with offices located at 229 Trenton Avenue, Barrington, New Jersey 08107 (Barrington). The date of the execution of this Agreement is the 1<sup>ST</sup> day of January, 2023.

**W I T N E S S E T H**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Merchantville (hereinafter “Merchantville”) is a municipal entity organized under the laws of the State of New Jersey and located in Camden County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Barrington (hereinafter “Barrington”) is a municipal entity organized under the laws of the State of New Jersey and located in Camden County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Barrington has in its employ a certain individual known as Denise K. Moules who has been appointed by Barrington as the Chief Municipal Finance Officer for the Borough of Barrington; and

**WHEREAS**, Denise K. Moules (hereinafter “Moules”) is a licensed Chief Municipal Finance Officer in the State of New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-140-10 (“Statutes”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder (“Regulations”); and

**WHEREAS**, Barrington has agreed to permit Moules to act as the Chief Municipal Finance Officer in the Borough of Merchantville, in addition to the duties assigned by Barrington to Moules as an employee of Barrington; and

**WHEREAS**, Merchantville has agreed to pay Barrington the sum of Forty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$49,500.00) in the calendar year 2023, to be paid in accordance with the payment schedule set forth below; and

**WHEREAS**, Merchantville and Barrington intend by virtue of this document to set forth the terms and conditions of this Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the proper and respective municipal officials were authorized to execute this Shared Services Agreement pursuant to Resolutions of their respective Councils, attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, AND IN CONSIDERATION** of the mutual promises set forth herein, the parties hereto agree as follows:

**1. TERM**

This Agreement shall be for a period of one (1) year commencing on January 1 of the date preceding the execution of this Agreement and shall be cancelable at the end of any calendar year upon sixty (60) days written notice by any party to this Agreement.

**2. CHIEF MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICER**

Moules shall perform all of the duties of the Chief Municipal Finance Officer in the Borough of Merchantville, who shall provide to Moules a suitable office and equipment necessary to perform said task. Moules shall advise Merchantville of the days and hours that Moules will serve in Merchantville, in order to complete all duties required of a Chief Municipal Finance Officer during the term of this engagement.

### **3. ALLOCATION OF PAYMENTS**

Merchantville shall pay to Barrington the sum of Forty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$49,500.00) in equal quarterly payments of Twelve Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$12,375.00) per quarter in the calendar year 2023. Payments are to be made within on February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15 of the calendar year. The appropriate vouchers shall be provided by Barrington. This figure is inclusive of salary and all costs which are related to this employment.

### **4. EMPLOYMENT STATUS**

It is acknowledged by Merchantville, Barrington and Moules that Moules shall not be an employee of Merchantville, but in fact shall be an employee of Barrington and any payments made hereunder by Merchantville to Barrington shall be deemed in the nature of third party payments by these municipalities on a “vendor” basis.

Moules acknowledges that in the event of a termination of this Agreement by any or all of the parties, Moules will not be paid any sum in excess of the salary committed by Barrington for the Chief Municipal Finance Officer’s salary. Moules further waives and relinquishes any right that Moules may have against Barrington for additional compensation pursuant to any statute or regulation other than the compensation as set forth above.

Merchantville and Barrington acknowledge that this Agreement shall be null and void in the event of either a voluntary or involuntary termination of Moules during the term of this Agreement. The parties, at their option, shall either replace Moules immediately with a Chief Municipal Finance Officer acceptable to all parties, or any or both parties may seek any other means of replacement consistent with the laws of the State of New Jersey.

## **5. AUDIT**

Pursuant to the Single Audit Act of 1984, Barrington agrees to permit Merchantville and/or its agents to examine any and all records relevant to this Agreement and shall make the same available upon demand at a reasonable time and place for the purpose of auditing the records, reports and documents relative to this Agreement.

## **6. INDEMNIFICATION**

Merchantville shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend Barrington, its elected officials, employees, officers and agents, from and against all liability, claims, suits, losses, damages, costs and demands, on account of bodily injury, including death or property damage, arising out of or connected with the performance of the services under this Agreement.

Barrington shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend Merchantville, its elected officials, employees, officers and agents, from and against all liability, claims, suits, losses, damages, costs and demands, on account of bodily injury, including death or property damage, arising out of or connected with the performance of the services under this Agreement.

## **7. NOTICES**

All notices hereunder shall be in writing and sent certified mail, return receipt requested for the Borough of Barrington to the Borough Clerk, Borough of Barrington, 229 Trenton Avenue, Barrington, New Jersey 08007; and for the Borough of Merchantville to the Borough Clerk, Borough of Merchantville, 1 West Maple Avenue, Merchantville, New Jersey 08109.

## 8. MISCELLANEOUS

The following provisions shall apply to this Agreement:

### A. Construction of this Agreement

The parties acknowledge that this Agreement was prepared under New Jersey Law and shall therefore be interpreted under the laws of that State.

### B. Amendments

This Agreement may not be amended, altered or modified in any manner except in writing signed by the parties hereto.

### C. Headings

This section and any other headings contained in this Agreement are for reference only and shall not affect the meaning and interpretation of this contract.

### D. Invalid Clause

The invalidity of any clause contained herein shall not render any other provision invalid and the balance of this Agreement shall be binding upon all parties hereto.

### E. Entire Agreement

This Agreement shall consist of the entire Agreement of the parties and it is acknowledged that there are no side or oral Agreements relating to this undertaking set forth herein.

### F. Assignability

This Agreement and all rights, duties and obligations contained herein may not be assigned without Barrington's prior written permission.

### G. Affirmative Action

The affirmative action provisions set forth in the documents attached hereto are incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

### H. Funding

In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15, this Agreement is subject to the availability and appropriation of sufficient funds in the year in which it is in effect.

**I. Waiver**

It is understood and agreed by the parties that a failure or delay in the enforcement of any of the provisions of this Agreement by either of the parties shall not be construed as a waiver of those provisions.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have placed their signatures and appropriate seals on the date and year mentioned in the face of this Agreement.

**THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON**

**DATED:** **BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PATTI HARRIS, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**TERRY SHANNON, BOROUGH CLERK**

**THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE**

**DATED:** **BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**EDWARD F. BRENNAN, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**DENISE L. BROUSE, BOROUGH CLERK**

**DATED:** **BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**DENISE K. MOULES**

I certify the above to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville on April 10, 2023.

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Denise Brouse, R.M.C., Borough Clerk