

**TOWNSHIP OF RESERVE**  
**COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 696**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RESERVE, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OR VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RESERVE TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT OR AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER PARTICIPATING MUNICIPALITIES AND TAXING JURISDICTIONS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF JOINING THE TRI-COG LAND BANK.**

WHEREAS, the Township of Reserve is fully aware of the cost of blight and desires to join with other municipalities to address blight and to transition abandoned properties to beneficial reuse using a unified, predictable, and transparent process in order to revitalize neighborhoods and strengthen the tax base; and

WHEREAS, Section 1202(24) of the Township Code authorizes the Township of Reserve to enter in a contract with other political subdivisions to perform governmental powers, duties and functions and to make appropriations therefor, through an intergovernmental cooperation agreement pursuant to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, 53 Pa.C.S. §§ 2301 et. seq., as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Land Bank Act, Act 153 of 2012, enacted by the Pennsylvania General Assembly and signed into law by the Governor on October 24, 2012, and codified at 68 Pa.C.S. §§ 2101 et seq. authorizes the creation of a land bank by and among taxing jurisdictions in combination through an intergovernmental cooperation agreement pursuant to 68 Pa.C.S. §2104(c); and

WHEREAS, an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement was made, entered into and became effective on January 10, 2017, by and among taxing jurisdictions located in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, pursuant to the authority granted by each of their authorizing ordinances and/or resolutions, establishing and forming the Tri-COG Land Bank;

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act provides that a municipality may enter into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement upon the passage of an ordinance by its governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Reserve desires to enter into the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement that established and formed the Tri-COG Land Bank and to join with other participating political subdivisions in implementing the purposes and objectives of the Tri-COG Land Bank.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Reserve, Allegheny County, as follows:

Section 1. The above recitals are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The Board of Commissioners of the Township of Reserve hereby approves entering into the Tri-COG Land Bank Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement ("ICA"), a copy of which is attached hereto, which ICA is incorporated herein by reference (and which shall be filed with the minutes of the meeting at which this Ordinance was enacted), with the intent and effect that the Township of Reserve shall be bound by the Agreement.

Section 3. The proper officers are hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the Township of Reserve: (i) to execute and deliver the Agreement; and (ii) to execute and deliver such additional instruments, and to take such further actions, as may be appropriate to carry forth the Agreement and the transactions to be effected under the Agreement, including financial commitments as set forth therein.

Section 4. All actions of any officer, agent or other representative of the Township of Reserve taken in pursuit of joining the Tri-COG Land Bank and the Township of Reserve's participation therein are hereby ratified and approved in all respects.

Section 5. The proper officers are hereby authorized to take such other action as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance and of the ICA.

Section 6. As required by the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, the following matters are specifically found and determined:

- (a) The conditions of the ICA are set forth in the attached ICA;
- (b) The duration of the ICA is as set forth in the ICA;
- (c) The purposes, objectives, powers and scope of authority granted and delegated for the Tri-COG Land Bank are as set forth in the Whereas clauses of this Ordinance and in the ICA;
- (d) The manner and extent of financing the Tri-COG Land Bank is through, among other things, an annual contribution as set forth in provisions of Article IX of the ICA;
- (e) The corporate organizational structure comprising the Tri-COG Land Bank is as set forth in the ICA, and the Bylaws and Policies adopted by the Board of Directors of the Tri-COG Land Bank;
- (f) All property, real or personal, necessary for the implementation and operation of the Tri-COG Land Bank shall be acquired, managed, licensed or disposed of in accordance with the terms of the ICA;
- (g) The Tri-COG Land Bank is empowered to enter into contracts for policies of group insurance and employee benefits for its employees, if any, pursuant the ICA and

the Bylaws and Policies adopted by the Board of Directors of the Tri-COG Land Bank.

Section 7. Effective Date/Repealer

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon enactment and shall repeal all prior inconsistent ordinances and resolutions to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 8. Severability.

If any article, section, subsection, provision, regulation, limitation, restriction, sentence, clause, phrase or word in this Ordinance is, for any reason, declared to be illegal, unconstitutional, or invalid, by any Court of competent jurisdiction, this decision shall not affect or impair the validity of this Ordinance as a whole, or any other article, section, subsection, provision, regulation, limitation, restriction, sentence, clause, phrase, word, or remaining portion of the within Ordinance. The Township of Reserve declares that it would have adopted the within Ordinance and each article, section, subsection, provision, regulation, limitation, restriction, sentence, clause, phrase, or word thereof, irrespective of the limitations, restrictions, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words that may be declared illegal, unconstitutional, or invalid.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

ATTEST:

**TOWNSHIP OF RESERVE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Township Manager

\_\_\_\_\_  
President of Commission

EXAMINED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Secretary, Township of Reserve

## **Reserve Township**

**joins**

### **INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT**

Reserve Township, located in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, and existing by virtue of the various laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting on the date indicated below, pursuant to the authority granted by the authorizing ordinance listed below, joins the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement (the "ICA") made by and among Tax/Municipal Claim Jurisdictions, located in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania to create and form the Tri-COG Land bank, a separate legal entity and public body corporate and politic.

By execution of this signatory page, Reserve Township becomes a Party to the ICA for the purposes of (i) operating and participating in the Tri-COG Land Bank, (ii) for implementing the purposes and objectives of this ICA as set forth therein and as set forth in the Bylaws and Policies adopted by the Board of Directors of the Tri-COG Land Bank. The ordinance authorizing Reserve Township to take this action is attached here.

This signature page and the ordinance/resolution shall be attached to the original, signed ICA and incorporated into the ICA's Exhibit "A."

Name and Address of Party	Date Agreement Signed	Ordinance/Resolution No. & Date
Reserve Township Allegheny County PA 33 Lonsdale Street Pittsburgh PA 15212		Ordinance/Resolution No.: 696  Date:

Reserve Township  
33 Lonsdale Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_