# BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

RESOLUTION 3025-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF CONSHOHOCKEN, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, CREATING A REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE; PROVIDING PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE TASK FORCE; ESTABLISHING THE DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE TASK FORCE; REPEALING PRIOR INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS; AND CONTAINING A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Conshohocken is divided into voting Wards pursuant to the Borough Code, 8 Pa.C.S. § 101, et seq., and other applicable Pennsylvania law, specifically 7 Wards;

WHEREAS, Borough Council has commenced the process of altering the lines of the Wards pursuant to the Borough Code and other applicable Pennsylvania law;

WHEREAS, Borough Council wishes to engage the public in the process of realigning the Wards of the Borough (colloquially "redistricting"), and to ensure that voters from each existing Ward have an opportunity to participate in the redistricting;

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has functioned successfully under its current 7 Ward system of government;

**WHEREAS**, by this resolution, the Borough Council of the Borough of Conshohocken hereby "Redistricting Task Force" for the purposes of realigning the Borough's 7 Wards pursuant to the Borough Code and Pennsylvania law, as set forth hereinbelow.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Conshohocken as follows:

# Section 1. Redistricting Task Force.

There is hereby created the Borough of Conshohocken Redistricting Task Force (the "Task Force"), subject to the requirements and procedures set forth herein. The Task Force shall only be a recommending body to Borough Council, and shall have no authority to take any action on behalf of the Borough.

## Section 2. Composition of Redistricting Task Force.

- A. The Task Force shall consist of persons appointed by a majority vote of Borough Council. While Borough Council shall have sole discretion to determine the size and composition of the Task Force, Borough Council intends that the Task Force shall contain a voter from each of the existing 7 Wards and no more than 2 members of Borough Council.
- B. Members of the Task Force may be removed by Borough Council for any reason or no reason at all.
- C. In addition to the foregoing, Borough Council may assign such other persons (i.e. members of Borough Administration or retained professionals) as advisory members of the Task Force, who shall not have a vote but may offer advice and guidance to the Task Force.

# Section 3. <u>Duties of Task Force.</u>

The Task Force shall work with such consultants and advisors as assigned by Borough Council to prepare a map of 7 Wards in the Borough that are realigned to be compact and contiguous and as nearly equal in population as practicable as officially and finally reported in the latest official census and as required under the Borough Code and Pennsylvania law. While Borough Council reserves the right to expand or limit the duties of the Task Force, the Task Force shall present no more than 3 Ward maps meeting the requirements of the foregoing sentence. The Task Force shall present the proposed Ward maps to Borough Council by December 3, 2025.

#### Section 4. Meetings of Task Force.

Meetings of the Task Force shall be public pursuant to the requirements of the Sunshine Act, 65 Pa.C.S. § 701, et seq.

## Section 5. Repealer.

Any and all prior inconsistent Resolutions or parts of Resolutions are hereby repealed by adoption of this Resolution.

# Section 6. Savings Clause.

If any portion, part or provision of this Resolution should be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, unconstitutional, illegal or unenforceable, the Borough Council of the Borough of Conshohocken hereby declares its intent that this Resolution shall have been adopted without regard to such unconstitutional, illegal, invalid or unenforceable portion thereof.

### Section 7. Effective Date.

This resolution shall become effective at the earliest time permitted under Pennsylvania law.

ADOPTED and APPROVED, this 215th day of May, 2025 in Council Chambers.

T<del>ina Sokolow</del>ski

Borough Council President

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Mayor

Stephanie Cecco, Borough Secretary

APPROVED this 21st day of May, 2025.

Yaniv Aronson, Mayor

Tima Sokoluwski, Council President