

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL
GOOD NEIGHBOR
AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT is made this _____ day of _____, 20__, by and [between] [among] [list Jurisdictions].

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the boroughs, townships, and municipalities of [county] (the “Jurisdictions”) have varying rules and regulations concerning placement, format, and conformity of outdoor advertising; and

WHEREAS, the boundaries on a map do not constitute visual barriers between the Jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Jurisdictions with more stringent rules may be bordered by Jurisdictions with less stringent rules, and this variance can be a source of contention among Jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, in coordinating such agreement, knowing the current locations of outdoor advertising installations is a necessary tool; and

WHEREAS, although Jurisdictions are encouraged to implement taxes or fees to compensate for the use of our public thoroughfares by these companies, most have not done so, and outdoor advertising companies currently pay little more than nominal filing fees to many Jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 23, Subchapter A, Intergovernmental Cooperation, of the General Local Government Code, 53 Pa. C.S.A. § 2301, *et seq.* (the "Intergovernmental Cooperation Law"), a municipality may enter into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement upon the passage of an ordinance by its governing body; and

WHEREAS, outdoor advertising can pose traffic safety hazards, create visual blight, and serve to lower local property values, among other effects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that [Jurisdiction A], [Jurisdiction B], and [Jurisdiction C] (collectively, the “Jurisdictions”), intending to be legally bound, and with the foregoing recital being incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof, do hereby agree as follows:

1. The Jurisdictions will share information with each other concerning their current legislation about zoning, placement, and permission for outdoor advertising/billboards.
2. The Jurisdictions will create overlay zoning districts or otherwise amend their zoning of the boundaries within sight and/or 350 feet of the other Jurisdictions and enact restrictive “good-neighbor” legislation to limit placement of outdoor advertising/billboards within that boundary zone.

Exhibit A

3. In granting permits and/or permission for new billboards, the Jurisdictions will adhere to the “good-neighbor” policy mandated by this Agreement and any resolutions or ordinances passed hereunder.
4. Any ordinance, resolution, rule, or regulation to the contrary to this Agreement is hereby superseded by the provisions of this Agreement.
5. Any decision to modify, amend, or terminate this Agreement must be agreed to in writing by the Jurisdictions which are parties hereof, which shall subsequently be collectively and individually bound thereby. The Agreement thus modified shall be the surviving document.
6. Additional jurisdictions may become parties to this Agreement by amending the Agreement pursuant to Paragraph 5 above, adding the additional jurisdiction(s).
7. This Agreement shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
8. The provisions of this Agreement are severable, and if any section, sentence, clause, part or provision hereof shall be held to be illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision of the court shall not affect or impair the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, parts, or provisions of this Agreement, nor its intent. It is hereby agreed to be the intent of the governing bodies of each Jurisdiction that this Agreement would have been entered into if such illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional section, sentence, clause, part, or provisions had not been included herein.
9. The governing body of each Jurisdiction verifies hereby that, in accordance with the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, it has already enacted an ordinance providing for the execution hereof, to continue in force and effect as long as this Agreement is in force and effect.
10. The term “Jurisdiction” herein shall refer to the Jurisdictions which are parties hereto individually and collectively, binding each and all of them equally.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Jurisdictions have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the day and year first above written.

[Name of Jurisdiction]
County of [county]
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

By: _____

ATTEST:

[Name and Title]