



**LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING  
November 28, 2023  
Council Meeting Room  
Luzerne County Courthouse  
200 N. River Street  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701  
AND  
Video/Teleconference via ZOOM**

**5:50 PM CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE** Amending Article VI-Administrative Code in accordance with the Home Rule Charter of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania

*This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Council on the matter listed on the Agenda. Each speaker shall have three (3) minutes to address Council. Speakers may not yield or transfer their time to another speaker.*

*Those attending in person are asked to complete and submit a Speaker Card to the Clerk of Council before the first speaker is called.*

*Those attending virtually are asked to refer to the Public Meetings Online page of County's Website at <https://www.luzernecounty.org/1279/Public-Meetings-Online> for more information on how to participate in Public Comment via technology.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

**No. 2023-\_\_\_\_**  
**ORDINANCE**

***An Ordinance of the County of Luzerne Amending Article VI-Administrative Code in accordance with the Home Rule Charter of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.***

WHEREAS, the Home Rule Charter of Luzerne County Pennsylvania Article IV-Administrative Code, Section 6.04-Organization of the Executive Branch stipulates that the initial structure and organization of the various divisions of the of the Executive Branch shall be provided for in Section 12.07 -Initial Structure and Organization of the Executive Branch of this charter; and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2012, the County Council passed Ordinance 2012-5, which adopted an Administrative Code with an effective date of July 19, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Section 6.02 of the Luzerne County Home Rule Charter states, “County Council may amend the Administrative Code by Ordinance;” and

WHEREAS, Section 2.09(B)(3) of the Luzerne County Home Rule Charter gives County Council the power to create, combine, alter, and/or abolish any County division, department, bureau, office, agency, other administrative unit, authority, board or commission and the functions, powers, and duties thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Luzerne County Executive Branch has recommended consolidating emergency services by combining 911 Communications (“911”) and the Emergency Management Agency (“EMA”) and appointing a Director of Emergency Services to oversee 911 and EMA and report to the Operational Services Division Head; and

WHEREAS, Luzerne County Council desires to amend the Administrative Code at section 6.06.C. to combine 911 Communications and the Emergency Management Agency; and

WHEREAS, Luzerne County Council also desires to amend the organizational structure section 6.06.D. to allow for a Director of Emergency Services to oversee 911 and EMA who in turn shall report to the Operational Services Division Head.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by Luzerne County Council as follows:

**SECTION ONE. Incorporation of Preamble.**

The provisions set forth above in the preamble to this Ordinance are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

SECTION TWO. Amendment to Section 6.06.C. of the Administrative Code.

Section 6.06.C.1. and 2 of the Luzerne County Administrative Code shall be combined as follows:

“C.1. 911 Communications/Emergency Management Agency.”

SECTION THREE. Amendment to Section 6.06.D. of the Administrative Code.

Section 6.06.D. shall include the following additional language immediately following the heading.

D. Responsibilities of the Departments.

“There shall be a Director of Emergency Services to oversee 911 Communications and the Emergency Management Agency’s functions and responsibilities as set forth below.”

SECTION THREE. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect on the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day following its enactment.

SECTION FOUR. Repealer.

Any Resolution or Ordinance or County Code or parts thereof that conflict with or are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

This Ordinance shall become effective within 15 days of its passage.

**ADOPTED** at a meeting of the Luzerne County Council held on \_\_\_\_\_.

LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kendra Vough, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
John Lombardo, Vice-Chair