

# APPROVED

First Reading: 07/25/12

Passed 6-2: 08/08/12

**COUNTY OF LEHIGH, PENNSYLVANIA  
COMMISSIONERS BILL 2012-23  
SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONERS SCHWARE, CREIGHTON, MAZZIOTTI,  
OSBORNE, OTT, & SCHELLER  
REQUESTED DATE: JULY 17, 2012  
ORDINANCE NO. 2012 - 122**

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**WITHDRAWING FROM THE JOINT-COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
AND REPEALING THE COUNTY'S AUTHORIZATION TO FORM A SINGLE  
COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

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**WHEREAS**, by Ordinance 2007 - No. 227 the Board of Commissioners authorized the establishment of a Joint-County Health Department with Northampton County; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 5.1 of the Local Health Administration Law, 16 P.S. §12005.1, any county which is a member of a Joint-County Department of Health may withdraw from the department by a majority vote of the governing body; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners wishes to withdraw from the Lehigh-Northampton Joint-County Health Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 302(j) of the Home Rule Charter provides that ordinance approval is required to establish, combine or abolish agencies.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY  
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LEHIGH,  
PENNSYLVANIA, THAT:**

1. The foregoing WHEREAS clauses are incorporated herein as if set forth in their entirety.

2. The County of Lehigh hereby withdraws from the Joint-County Department of Health as established in Ordinance 2007- No. 227 and repeals that portion of the ordinance which authorizes the establishment of a single county health department in the event that Northampton County chooses not to participate in a Joint-County Health Department.

3. The proper officers and other personnel of Lehigh County are hereby authorized and empowered to take all such further action, including any necessary transfer of funds, and execute additional documents as they may deem appropriate to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

4. The County Executive shall distribute copies of this Ordinance to the proper offices and other personnel of Lehigh County whose further action is required to achieve the purpose of this Ordinance.

5. Any Ordinance or part of any Ordinance conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this Ordinance.

6. This Ordinance shall become effective in ten (10) days after enactment.

ADOPTED this 8th day of August, 2012, by the following vote:

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Thomas C. Creighton, III	X	
Percy H. Dougherty		X
David S. Jones, Sr.		X
Daniel K. McCarthy (absent)		
Vic Mazziotti	X	
Brad Osborne	X	
Scott Ott	X	
Lisa Scheller	X	
Michael Schware	X	

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Daniel Borelli  
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

APPROVED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012.

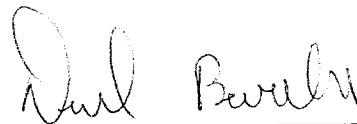
Thomas S. Muller  
Thomas S. Muller  
Acting Lehigh County Executive

ENACTED this 15th day of August, 2012.

COUNTY OF LEHIGH ORDINANCE 2012 – NO. 122

**CERTIFICATION**

I, DAVID BARILLA, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of Lehigh County, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of the ordinance adopted at a regular meeting of the Commissioners of Lehigh County held on the 8th day of August, 2012, and approved on the 15th day of August, 2012 by the Acting Lehigh County Executive, and effective on the 25th day of August, 2012.



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DAVID BARILLA, Clerk  
Board of Commissioners