CONEWAGO TOWNSHIP POLICE RETIREMENT PLAN
ADAMS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORDINANCE NO.: 2026 -B ,

An Ordinance Amending the Police Pension Plan to Allow Service Credit Purchases Under Act 49 of 2024.

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WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania enacted Act 49 of 2024, permitting municipalities to offer full-time police officers the option to purchase up to five years of pension service credit for prior full-time or part-time police service; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Conewago desires to exercise this option to enhance the retirement benefits for its police officers at the Township;

WHEREAS, the Supervisors of Conewago Township desire to amend the Police Retirement Plan effective retroactively to **January 1, 2026** as follows:

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED: by the Supervisors of Conewago Township, Adams County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted and ordained as follows:

Section 1 – Eligibility

Full-time police officers who have satisfied the vesting requirements (12-Years) of the Conewago Township Police Retirement Plan are eligible to purchase up to five years of pension service credit for prior full-time or part-time police service, subject to the following conditions:

1. The officer must have prior full-time or part-time police service with a prior police department that can be verified.
2. The officer must not be receiving or entitled to receive pension service credit from any other pension fund for the same period of service.
3. The total combined purchased service credit shall not exceed five years (pertaining to prior service and military buy-back)

Section 2 – Application Process

Officers seeking to purchase prior service credit must submit a written application to the Township, including:

1. Documentation verifying the prior police service.
2. A statement from the prior employer confirming the officer's service and if any pension benefits received.
3. Any other information deemed necessary by the Borough.
4. The Township shall review the application and determine eligibility.

Section 3 – Cost of Service Credit Purchase

The cost for purchasing service credit shall be determined by the plan's actuary and shall be computed by:

1. Multiplying the normal cost rate for the police pension plan a police officer is buying into, but not to exceed 10%, by the police officer's average annual rate of compensation over the first three years of service with the police department; and
2. Multiplying the product from paragraph (1) by the number of years and fractional part of a year of creditable prior police service being purchased together with interest at the rate of 4.75% compounded annually from the date of initial entry.

Section 4 – Effective Date

This ordinance is made an integral part of the Police Pension Plan and is controlling over the terms of said Plan with the respect to the item addressed above. All other provisions of this Plan remain unchanged and controlling.

This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after its enactment with the Plan being amended retroactively to **January 1, 2026.**

ENACTED AND ORDAINED THIS 21st **DAY OF** Sept., **2026.**

CONEWAGO TOWNHSIP
SUPERVISOR CHAIRPERSON:

BY: Jean Lotta M. Shaffer

ATTEST: Jimmy Bittle

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Secretary/Treasurer