

TOWN OF CORNING

DISSOLUTION TIMELINE for EAST CORNING FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FD 383 and GENERAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FD 384

1. **April 16, 2019** Adopt the Resolutions to endorse the proposed Dissolution Plans to Dissolve the East Corning Fire Protection District (FD 383) and General Protection District (FD 384) in the Town of Corning.

2. **April 22, 2019** (within 5 business days of approval of resolutions)
Last day for Town Clerk to arrange for “publishing” the following:

“Publish” as defined by statute is:

- A. Display proposed Dissolution Plans along with Descriptive Summaries in reasonably accessible places (i.e. Town Hall) and at least one public place within the boundaries of the FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS (East Corning Fire Station and North Corning Fire Station) and any other locations if so desired. The proper names and physical addresses of all of the locations where the proposed Dissolution Plans may be viewed must be recorded as they are necessary for additional publication purposes below.

- B. Display proposed Dissolution Plans AND the Descriptive Summaries on Town website and/or County website. There also needs to be a notice as to the public places where the proposed plans can be reviewed (this is really stupid requirement because if you have access to the website to look up the addresses you necessarily have access to the website to review the proposed plans).

- C. Publish in the official newspaper having general circulation in the Fire Protection District. 1.) the “Descriptive Summary” of the Dissolution Plans and 2.) the list of the public places where the proposed Dissolution Plans can be viewed. **These two items must be published in their entirety once per week for 4 consecutive weeks.** Assuming you arrange to publish in the newspaper for the first time the week of April 21, then you need to publish it three more times during the weeks of April 28, May 5, and 12, 2019

Selecting the appropriate hearing date is critical to all of the following dates. You should decide on a hearing date before you pass the resolutions. You can conduct the hearing on a regular

meeting night as long as it is at least 35 days out from when you pass the resolution endorsing the proposed plans of dissolution.

THE APRIL-MAY 2019 MEETING DATES AS PRESENTLY SCHEDULED WORK PERFECTLY.

3. May 7, 2019

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING date, time, and location. The Notice **must be published at least 10 days but not more than 20 days before the Public Hearing**. This must be published in the newspaper in addition to the publication of set forth in 3 above. I have provided a form notice. The notice states that all interested persons will be given reasonable opportunity to be heard on any aspect of the proposed dissolution.

This Notice of Public Hearing must also be posted on the Town's and/or County's website.

THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SHALL ALSO INCLUDE THE DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY AND REFERENCE TO THE PUBLIC PLACES WHERE THE PROPOSED PLANS CAN BE EXAMINED.

This is the same thing you published in the newspaper.

4. May 21, 2019

HEARING DATE You need to set a Date for the mandatory Public Hearing not less than 35 days or more than 90 days after the date you adopt the resolution to endorse the proposed Dissolution Plans. By way of example, assuming you pass the resolution endorsing the proposed Dissolution Plans on April 16, 2019, the Hearing can be held **on but not before** May 21, [and not after July 15, 2019 please do not wait this long].

I suggest you do the Public Hearing on May 21 on the Regular Meeting night as the Hearing shouldn't take long at all given the fact that the Joint Fire District is already established. The Regular Meeting can be opened then recessed to conduct the Public Hearing on the proposed dissolutions of the fire protection districts. When the Hearing is concluded, the Regular Meeting will reconvene and if all goes as expected, a resolution to approve the proposed Dissolution Plans as the Final Dissolution Plans will be made and approved. Thereafter Regular Meeting can proceed with usual business.

5. **May 27, 2019** AMENDMENT OF PLANS if necessary, must occur within five business days of the Hearing Date, **but only if needed**. (In the very unlikely event that a plan has to be amended after the Public Hearing, it must be done within 5 business days) Hopefully, amendment **will not** be necessary.
6. **May 21, 2019** APPROVAL DATE Within 60 days after the Public Hearing the final version of the Final Dissolution Plans must be approved. I fully expect that the final plans will be the proposed plans with the word “proposed” removed. **Ideally, this will be done at the Regular Meeting on the night of the Public Hearing.**
7. **November 12, 2019** DISSOLUTION DATE This can occur no less than 45 days and no more than 180 days after the Final Dissolution Plans are approved. July 5, 2019 is the last day that petitions may be filed contesting the dissolution plans. November 17, 2019 is the last day “dissolution” can occur. However, by November 12, 2019 the CJFD Board will be in place and the 2020 budget will have been approved and submitted. Nothing action is required to take place on this date as dissolution is self-effecting.