

ORDINANCE NO. 176

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TO IMPOSE A FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF REAL ESTATE TAX CERTIFICATIONS AND TO RETAIN THE FEE FOR THE COLLECTION OF SAME.

WHEREAS, Veronica A. Houck was, on January 7, 1991, duly appointed as the Tax Collector for the Township of Washington, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, replacing the resigning Tax Collector, Cheryl Cerino;

WHEREAS, Veronica A. Houck was duly elected at the municipal election of November 5, 1991, as the Tax Collector for the Township of Washington;

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington recognizes the importance and significance of real estate tax certifications which are necessary to the smooth and effective flow of commerce within the local real estate market;

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Court has ruled that the imposition of fees by a Tax Collector for the providing of tax certifications in the absence of a municipal Ordinance would cause an elected official to violate Section 3(a) of the State Ethics Act;

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Township of Washington to specifically authorize its Tax Collector to charge a fee, as set forth below, for the providing of tax certifications to requesters.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, and it is hereby ordained and enacted, by the Township of Washington, through its Supervisors, as follows:

1. All recitals above-referenced are incorporated herein by reference.

2. Washington Township hereby appoints its locally-elected Tax Collector as the municipal officer authorized to provide tax certifications upon request by the public.

3. Washington Township hereby authorizes the said Tax Collector to assess, collect and retain, as compensation for providing such additional services, a fee of Ten and 00/100 (\$10.00) Dollars per certification.

4. The authorization set forth in this Ordinance shall extend to elected Tax Collectors, appointed Tax Collectors and other individuals lawfully serving on an interim basis as a Tax Collector for the Township of Washington.

5. The fee for the providing of a tax certification to the public by the Tax Collector may be amended from time to time in the discretion of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors, by Resolution.

6. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Supervisors of the Township of Washington, County of Northampton and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on this day of January, 1992.

ATTEST:

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

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Barbara Hallet, Secretary

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