

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 208

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON ESTABLISHING FEES FOR RETURN CHECK CHARGES; SERVICE CHARGE FEES FOR WAGE ATTACHMENTS BY THE TAX COLLECTOR OFFICE; FEES FOR COMMISSIONS FOR COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAX ACCOUNTS; AND PENALTIES FOR PRIOR YEAR TAX DELINQUENCIES.

WHEREAS, Washington Township, either through the Township office, or the Tax Collector's office, is paid by way of check; and

WHEREAS, Washington Township, through the Tax Collector's office, is empowered, by Statute and Ordinance, to collect garbage, hydrant and street light fees, and collect per capita taxes, as well as real estate taxes; and

WHEREAS, the activities listed above often result in fees and costs being assessed against Washington Township and/or the Washington Township Tax Collector's office; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Township Tax Collector's office has heretofore been authorized by Resolution to collect any and all delinquent taxes due and owing to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Township Tax Collector's office will, on occasion, be required to attach wages in order to collect said per capita delinquent taxes.

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Washington Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section I:

A. RETURN CHECK FEE

(1) Washington Township hereby imposes a fee of Twenty (\$20.00) Dollars per check being returned to either the Township office or the Township Tax Collector's office, commencing five (5) days after the effective date of this Ordinance.

(2) By further determination of this Township, this fee shall be set, from time to time, by Resolution, in the event the Township determines a need to change from the initially-established fee.

(3) This fee shall be imposed for any check to any Township office or department or organization for any purpose.

(4) Fees concerning checks returned by the Tax Collector shall be deposited to the General Fund. Upon collection thereof, the Tax Collector shall receive a commission of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars per check thus collected.

B. SERVICE CHARGES FOR WAGE ATTACHMENT FOR PER CAPITA

(1) Washington Township hereby imposes a fee of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars, to be assessed by the Washington Township Tax Collector's office to any person, firm or corporation, should the Washington Township Tax Collector's office attach any wages of a person, firm or corporation.

(2) By further determination of the Township, this fee shall be set, from time to time, by Resolution, in the event the Township determines a need to change from the initially established fee.

(3) Fees concerning wage attachments shall be deposited to the Washington Township general fund.

C. PENALTIES FOR PRIOR YEAR DELINQUENCIES

(1) Washington Township hereby imposes a fifteen (15%) percent penalty for all delinquencies on garbage fees, hydrant fees, street light

fees, and per capita bills for all delinquencies accrued from 1998, as well as for all continuing years.

(2) By further determination of this Township, this penalty shall be set, from time to time, by Resolution in the event the Township determines a need to change from the initially established fee.

(3) Fees concerning penalties for prior year delinquencies shall be deposited to the Washington Township general fund.

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D. PERMISSION FOR COLLECTION OF ALL DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS

(1) Washington Township hereby establishes a commission of five (5%) percent for collection of all delinquent accounts for garbage, hydrant, street light and per capita tax bills.

(2) By further determination of this Township, this commission shall be set, from time to time, by Resolution, in the event the Township determines a need to change from the initially established commission.

(3) Commissions for delinquent taxes and fees shall be paid to the Tax Collector appointed by the Township.

Section II.

SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable, and if any provision hereof shall be declared unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such determination shall not affect the validity of any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared that this Ordinance would have been enacted as if such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid provision had not been included herein.

Section III:

REPEALER

All other Ordinances or parts thereof, or Resolutions, which are inconsistent with this Ordinance, are hereby repealed.

Section IV:

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after enactment hereof.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Supervisors of the Township of Washington, County of Northampton and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, into an Ordinance this 14th day of April, 1999.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By: Ignatz Klausz, Jr.
Ignatz Klausz, Jr., Chairman

By: David Renaldo
David Renaldo

By: David Hess
David Hess

ATTEST:

By: Mary Ann Repsher
Mary Ann Repsher, Secretary

Approved and certified this 14th day of April, 1999.

Ignatz Klausz, Jr.
Ignatz Klausz, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:

By: Mary Ann Repsher
Mary Ann Repsher, Secretary