

BOROUGH OF TRAPPE  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

**ORDINANCE NO. 423**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 90 OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF TRAPPE BY AMENDING ARTICLE I COMPENSATION AND ARTICLE II CERTIFICATION OF TAXES AND AMENDING CHAPTER 300 OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF TRAPPE BY REPEALING ARTICLE VII, SECTION 300-57 C & D, TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMPENSATION FOR THE TAX COLLECTOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF TRAPPE**

**BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the Borough Council, Borough of Trappe, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby **ENACTED** and **ORDAINED** by the authority of the same as follows:

**SECTION 1.** - Chapter 90, Article I, §90-1 shall be deleted in its entirety and restated as follows:

**Article I - Compensation**

**§90-1 Amount of Compensation.**

- A. The rate of compensation of the Borough's Tax Collector for the collection of taxes for which he is the designated Tax Collector shall be 5% of those taxes collected.
- B. Effective for the Tax Collector term beginning January 1, 2014, the rate of compensation for the Borough's Tax Collector for collection of those taxes for which the Tax Collector is the designated collector is as follows:
  - (1) TWO DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$2.50) per tax bill in the initial tax duplicate plus TWO DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$2.50) for each interim bill, not to exceed 5% of the total taxes collected, per annum.

- (2) For the collection of Borough taxes, the Tax Collector shall be allowed reimbursement for 100% of bonding, 50% of postage printing and supplies and 33.33% of post office box rental expense.

**SECTION 2.** - Chapter 90, Article II of the Trappe Borough Code of Ordinances is hereby deleted in its entirety and restated as follows:

**Article II – Tax Certifications and Fees**

**§90-2 Authorizations to Provide Certification of Taxes.**

The Borough of Trappe hereby appoints the locally elected Tax Collector as a municipal officer authorized to provide tax certifications upon request by the public and hereby authorizes said Tax Collector to assess, collect and retain compensation for providing such services or such fees as the Borough Council shall approve by Ordinance.

**§90-3 Fee for Certification of Taxes.**

There shall be a fee for preparing and providing by mail or otherwise a real estate tax certification for any single tax parcel within the Borough of Trappe, not less than \$5.00 per year nor more than \$15.00 for a multiple tax year certification and which fee shall be assessed and collected by the Borough Tax Collector and retained by the Tax Collector for providing such services.

Effective for the Tax Collector Term beginning January 1, 2014, the fee for preparing and providing by mail or otherwise a real estate tax certification for any single tax parcel within the Borough of Trappe shall be \$25 for up to four years of certification.

**§90-4 Fee for Furnishing Information.**

There shall be a fee of \$5.00 per year for furnishing and providing, by mail or otherwise, information pertaining to real estate tax data, where no tax certification is requested, including, but not limited to, tax duplicates, for any single tax parcel within the Borough of Trappe. A charge of \$2.00 shall be charged for processing of tax invoices for lenders or bills of memorandum. The fee shall be assessed, collected and retained by the Borough Tax Collector for providing such service.

**§90-5 Fee for Insufficient Funds.**

Effective for the Tax Collector term beginning January 1, 2014, there shall be a fee for reimbursement of charges incurred by the Tax Collector for insufficient funds. The fee shall be assessed, collected and retained by the Borough Tax Collector directly against the tax payer at the cost incurred by the Tax Collector.

**SECTION 3.** – Chapter 300, Article IV, §300-57 C&D shall be deleted in their entirety.


**SECTION 4. - Severability.** The provisions in this Ordinance are severable. If any section, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be illegal, invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as a legislative intent that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid provision have been included herein.

**SECTION 5. - Repealer.** All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances and any resolutions or parts thereof in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 6. - Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval as required by the law.

**ENACTED and ORDAINED** this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Trappe, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

ATTEST:

  
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Jacquie Guenther, Municipal Secretary

TRAPPE BOROUGH COUNCIL

BY:   
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Fred Schuetz, President

APPROVED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013

  
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Connie Peck, Mayor