

**BOROUGH OF TRAPPE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 479

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE
BOROUGH OF TRAPPE, PART II, CHAPTER 300, BY
ADDING ARTICLE VIII (COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT
REAL ESTATE TAXES) AND TO CREATE A PENALTY,
INTEREST AND FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE
COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES**

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Trappe is duly empowered by the Borough Code of Pennsylvania, 8 Pa. C.S.A. §101, et seq., to enact certain regulations relating to the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Borough of Trappe; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and prudent for the Borough of Trappe to recover promptly its levied and unpaid delinquent real estate taxes, and if necessary, to accomplish such recovery through legal proceedings; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Claims and Tax Liens Act, 53 P.S. §7101, et seq. (the "MCTLA"), authorizes the addition of interest, costs, charges, expenses and fees, including reasonable attorney fees, to the total payable with respect to unpaid taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Trappe has determined that it is in the best interest of all taxpayers and residents to enforce the payment of delinquent real estate taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Trappe has determined that the addition of interest, costs, charges, expenses and fees to the total payable with respect to unpaid taxes is reasonable and just.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Trappe, that the Borough Code of the Borough of Trappe is amended as follows:

SECTION 1. The Code of the Borough of Trappe, Part II, Chapter 300 is hereby amended by adding Article VIII as follows:

Article VIII – Collection of Delinquent Real Estate Taxes

§300-60 Alternate Collector.

In addition to the authorization for the collection of taxes pursuant to the Real Estate Tax Sales Law (“RETSL”), 72 .S. §5860.201, et seq, the Montgomery County Tax Claim Bureau is appointed as alternative collector and is authorized and directed to file liens for existing delinquent real estate taxes with the Prothonotary of Montgomery County in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Claims and Tax Liens Act, 53 P.S. §7101, et seq.

§300-61 Interest Charged.

In accordance with the MCTLA and RETSL, interest shall be charged on taxes so returned from and after but not before the first day of the month following the return. Interest shall be charged at the rate of nine per centum (9%) per annum.

§300-62 Reasonable Charges, Expenses and Fees.

Pursuant to Section 7106 of the MCTLA, it is hereby established that the reasonable charges, expenses and fees incurred in the collection of any delinquent account under the MCTLA are hereby fixed at five percent (5%) of the total amount of the delinquent taxes (including interest and penalties), and that additional reasonable attorney’s fees incurred in the collection of any delinquent taxes shall be fixed at one percent (1%) of the total amount of the

delinquent taxes (including interest and penalties), and that said charges for attorney's fees and for all charges expenses and fees set forth herein, shall be paid to the County of Montgomery through the Montgomery County Tax Claim bureau in lieu of payment of commission pursuant to Section 207 of RETSL.

§300-63 Enabling.

The proper officials of the Borough of Trappe are hereby authorized and empowered to take such additional action as they may deem necessary or appropriate to implement this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. Repealer and Ratification.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith or in conflict with any of the specific terms enacted hereby, to the extent of said inconsistencies or conflicts, are hereby specifically repealed. Any other terms and provisions of the Township's Code unaffected by this Ordinance are hereby reaffirmed and ratified.

SECTION 3. Severability.

Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase in this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and affect, and for this reason the provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable.

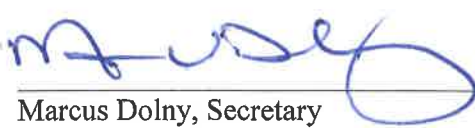
SECTION 4. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately after enactment.


ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Trappe, this 5th day of August, 2025.

Attest:

TRAPPE BOROUGH COUNCIL:

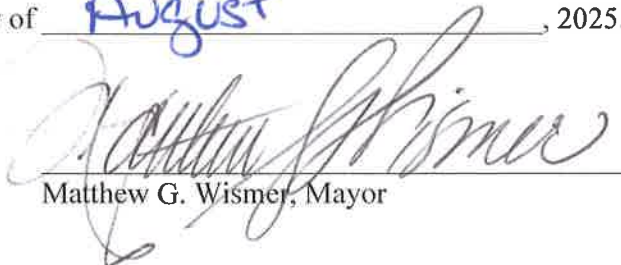


Marcus Dolny, Secretary



Scott Martin, President

APPROVED this 5th day of August, 2025.



Matthew G. Wismer, Mayor