

RUSH TOWNSHIP
SCHUYLKILL COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 134

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AND ESTABLISHING A FEE TO BE CHARGED BY THE ELECTED TAX COLLECTOR FOR TAX CERTIFICATIONS REQUESTED AS PART OF REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Township of Rush is often requested to provide tax certifications for certain parcels of property situate in the Township; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to these requests, the Tax Collector is required to devote a certain amount of time providing tax certifications, which time would normally be utilized in his/her duties as Tax Collector; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania has held that charging a fee for tax certifications in the absence of a municipal ordinance would cause an elected official to be in violation of Section 3(a) of the State Ethics Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Rush Township has determined that it is in the best interests of the Township to establish a fee for the providing of tax certifications by the Township Tax Collector.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by ordinance effective immediately that the Township of Rush hereby appoints the local elected Tax Collector, or the elected successor, as the municipal officer authorized to provide copies of real estate tax bills and tax certifications upon the request for same and hereby authorizes the said Tax Collector to assess, collect, and retain, as

compensation for providing such additional services, a fee of Two (\$2.00) Dollars to obtain a copy of a real estate tax bill and Ten (\$10.00) Dollars per tax certification.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into an Ordinance this 15th day of April, 1998.

ATTEST:

Carol Ann Opat
SECRETARY, RUSH TOWNSHIP

George A. Pinsky
PRESIDENT, RUSH TOWNSHIP