

## **ORDINANCE – CHAPTER 2**

### **AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAINES, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING FEES FOR TAX CERTIFICATIONS, DUPLICATE TAX BILLS AND COPIES ISSUED OR PROVIDED BY THE ELECTED HAINES TOWNSHIP TAX COLLECTOR, AND FOR PAYMENTS RETURNED BECAUSE OF INSUFFICIENT FUNDS AND PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF SAID FEES.**

Be it enacted and ordained by authority of the Supervisors of Haines Township, Centre County, Pennsylvania and it is hereby enacted and ordained by authority of the same as follows:

#### **Section 2-1**

The Board of Supervisors of Haines Township hereby establishes a schedule of service fees, which may be charged by the elected Tax Collector of Haines Township to each person, firm or entity requesting the following services:

- A. Written certification as to the payment status of real estate taxes for a tax parcel - \$15.00 each.
- B. Duplicate tax bills - \$2.00 each.
- C. Copies - \$.25 each page.

By further determination of this Township, these fees shall be set, from time to time, by resolution, in the event the Township determines a need to modify any of the initially established fees.

#### **Section 2-2**

The elected Tax Collector of Haines Township is hereby authorized to impose upon and collect from a taxpayer the fees assessed by a bank or other financial institution and a separate \$25.00 fee payable to the Haines Township Tax Collector for any payment returned by said bank or other financial institution because of insufficient funds in the account of the taxpayer to cover the payment submitted by the taxpayer.

By further determination of this Township, these fees shall be set, from time to time, by resolution, in the event the Township determines a need to modify any of the initially established fees.

#### **Section 2-3**

The service fees paid pursuant to this Ordinance shall be paid to the elected Tax Collector of Haines Township.

**Section 2-4**

The elected Tax Collector of Haines Township shall keep an accurate written record of all funds received pursuant to this Ordinance and shall provide a written accounting thereof to the Haines Township Supervisors on an annual basis, no later than January 31 of each year for the prior calendar year.

**Section 2-5**

In the event any person, firm or other entity fails to pay the statement for the service fees authorized by this Ordinance, the elected Tax Collector of Haines Township is hereby authorized to commence the appropriate Civil Action and may utilize the offices of the District Magisterial Judge or Civil Division of the Court of Common Pleas in Centre County, Pennsylvania, in order to effectuate a recovery of these service fees together with court costs.

**Section 2-6**

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

**Section 2-7**

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed.

**Section 2-8**

This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after its adoption.

**ENACTED AND ORDAINED as an Ordinance of the Township of Haines, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.**

**ATTEST:**

**TOWNSHIP OF HAINES**

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