# TOWNSHIP OF HAINES CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1**

#### ORDINANCE SETTING TAX COLLECTOR'S FEES

ENACTED, by the Township of Haines under authority of the Second Class Township Code and other applicable law, amending and superseding Chapter 46, Article I of the Code of the Township of Haines, as follows:

#### § 46-1. Schedule established.

- A. 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:
  - (1) Written certification as to the payment status of real estate taxes for a tax parcel: \$20 for each inquiry.
  - (2) Duplicate Tax bills: \$4.00 per parcel.
  - (3) Copies: \$0.25 per page.
- B. 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.

## § 46-2. Payment overage or shortfall.

The elected Tax Collector of Haines Township shall have the right to accept as payment in full any payment that exceeds the amount of tax due at the time of receipt by no more than \$1.00 or is less then the amount of tax due at the time of receipt by no more than \$1.00. No taxpayer shall be entitled to a refund for a payment made that exceeds the amount of tax due at the time of receipt by no more than \$1.00.

## § 46-3. Payments returned for insufficient funds.

- A. 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 fee of \$25.00, 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.
- B. 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.

## § 46-4. Payment of service fees.

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

#### § 46-5. Recordkeeping.

The elected Tax Collector of Haines Township shall keep an accurate written record of all funds received pursuant to this article 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.

## § 46-6. Failure to pay.

In the event any person, firm or other entity fails to pay the statement for the service fees authorized by this article, 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 of Centre County, Pennsylvania, in order to effectuate a recovery of these service fees together with court costs.

# § 46-7. <u>Severability</u>.

The provisions of this article 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 article. It is hereby declared as the legislative intent of the Township that this article would have been enacted as if such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid provisions had not been included herein.

### § 46-8. Repealer.

Any ordinances, or parts of ordinances, inconsistent herewith are repealed by the enactment of this article.

# § 46-9. When effective.

This article shall become effective five days after its adoption.

This article is adopted and enacted the \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2025.

ATTEST:

Kimberly A. Claar, Secretary

TOWNSHIP OF HAINES

By:

Chair, Board of Supervisors

By:

Supervisor

By:

Supervisor