

JACKSON TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE No. 03-2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JACKSON, LEBANON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ENACTING A FIRE HYDRANT TAX RATE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF FIRE HYDRANTS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP BY AN EQUAL ASSESSMENT UPON EACH PROPERTY WITHIN SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY (780) FEET OF ANY FIRE HYDRANT.

WHEREAS, the Second-Class Township Code authorizes the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Jackson, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, to impose a fire hydrant tax pursuant to 53 P.S. §66802; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors believe it in the best interest of Jackson Township to impose a tax upon certain residents of the Township who are benefitted by the fire hydrants, for the costs associated with use and maintenance of the fire hydrants; and

AND NOW, comes the Jackson Township Board of Supervisors and hereby ordains and enacts into law the following Ordinance:

Section 1. Imposition of Tax.

Jackson Township adopts the provisions under §66802 of the Second-Class Township Code and imposes a fire hydrant tax as authorized under that section. The tax imposed under this Ordinance shall be assessed annually by the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors shall impose an equal assessment on all property, whether or not exempt from taxation under existing law, within seven

hundred eighty (780') feet of any fire hydrant based upon the assessment of property for county tax purposes. By December 31st of each year the Board of Supervisors via a resolution adopting the annual budget shall set the amount to be imposed for the upcoming year. This assessment shall not be made against any farmland or any airport which is privately owned, and which is not open or intended to be open to the public. Vacant lots between built-up sections, whether tilled or not tilled, are not farmland for purposes of this Ordinance.

Section 2. Administration.

The tax imposed under Section 1 of this Ordinance shall be administered, collected, and enforced by the Tax Collector pursuant to the conditions set forth under 53 P.S. §68301(a). The fire hydrant assessment shall be billed on the annual real estate tax bill for township purposes. Any unpaid taxes under this Ordinance shall be subject to enforcement provisions, including any penalties or interest, set forth under 53 P.S. §68301(a).

Section 3. Repeal.

(a) As of the effective date of this Ordinance, any inconsistent ordinances and/or resolutions are hereby repealed;

(b) If any sentence, clause or section of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality, or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences,

clauses or sections of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Board of Supervisors of Jackson Township that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause or section not been included herein.

Section 4. Effective Date.

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

So ordained and enacted into law by the Jackson Township Board of Supervisors this ____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

JACKSON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By _____
Thomas Morrisey, Secretary

By _____
Tom Houtz, Chairman