

**PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF POLK
MONROE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A FIRE TAX AS AUTHORIZED BY § 3205(4) OF THE SECOND-CLASS
TOWNSHIP CODE

WHEREAS, Polk Township is a Second-Class Township and political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Polk Township does not have a paid fire company; and

WHEREAS, the Township is served by a volunteer fire company, to wit the Polk Township Volunteer Fire Company, which has been in existence for many years; and

WHEREAS, the Township has historically financially supported the Polk Township Volunteer Fire Company, but has not previously adopted a tax as authorized by § 3205(5) of the Second-Class Township code; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors believe it is necessary and appropriate to adopt a fire tax to support the Polk Township Fire Company and to ensure the Polk Township Fire Company has adequate resources in order to respond to emergency in the Township; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it enacted and ordained as follows:

1. In accordance with § 3205(4) of the Second-Class Township code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania an annual tax in the amount of .37 mils is adopted for the purpose of purchasing and maintaining fire apparatus, and a suitable place to house such fire apparatus and to support the training of fire company personnel.
2. The revenue received by Polk Township from such tax shall be placed in an interest-bearing account to be managed by Polk Township and shall be dispersed and/or otherwise distributed to the Polk Township Fire Company, subject to fire company complying with and satisfying the provisions contained herein.
3. The tax described in section 1 above shall be dispersed only for the purposes of and within the restrictions set forth in the Pennsylvania Second-Class Township code, 53 P.S. § 68205(a)(4), which purposes are in the nature of supporting the Polk Township Fire Company. Such requests shall be subject to formal approval by the Polk Township Board of Supervisors which shall be within the Board's discretion and subject to guidelines and conditions set forth herein.
4. The Polk Township Volunteer Fire Company shall comply with and satisfy the following requirements as a condition of receiving fire tax proceeds:
 - (a) Provide fire service, including but not limited to fire suppression, to residents of Polk Township, in a timely manner in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws, regulations and protocols.
 - (b) Maintaining a permanent location within the Township.
 - (c) Provide fire services for residents of the Township twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.
 - (d) Provide monthly statistic reports summarizing the response activity to the previous month which contain information more fully described below. The report shall be submitted to the Township within thirty (30) calendar days of the end of the month.
 - (e) Use best efforts to see that the response time to incidents requiring response by the Fire Company within the Township is within the time deemed acceptable to the Township in order to ensure the safety, health and welfare of Township residents and others within the Township.
 - (f) Make available to the Township at all reasonable times financial statements and records relating to the use of the fire tax funds.
 - (g) Maintain all fire service equipment and vehicles in good operating condition.
 - (h) Attend meetings with the Township Board of Supervisors if requested; to allow, at mutually convenient times, inspection of the Polk Township Fire Company building and apparatus.
 - (i) Provide other information as may be requested by the Township pertaining to the financial condition and operation of the fire company.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect upon enactment in accordance with law.

BY ORDER OF
POLK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 1
165 Polk Township Rd., PO Box 137
Kresgeville, PA 18333
610-681-5376

P- December 2, 2024