ORDINANCE NO. 2015 - 01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF CATAWISSA ESTABLISHING FEES PAYABLE TO THE CATAWISSA BOROUGH TAX COLLECTOR FOR ISSUANCE OF REAL ESTATE TAX CERTIFICATIONS AND DUPLICATE TAX BILLS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Catawissa recognizes the importance and significance of real estate tax certifications and duplicate tax bills for the smooth and effective flow of commerce within the local real estate markets; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Court has held that the charging of fees for tax certifications in the absence of Municipal Ordinance would cause an elected official to violate Section 3(a) of the ethics law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by Council of the Borough of Catawissa, Columbia County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

SECTION 1.

The Borough hereby appoints the locally elected tax collector as the municipal officer authorized to provide tax certifications and duplicate tax bills upon request by the public, and hereby authorizes said tax collector to assess, collect and retain as compensation for providing such additional service, a fee of Ten Dollars ($10.00).

SECTION 2.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable, and if any provision hereof shall be held to be unconstitutional, invalid or illegal, by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as legislative intent that this Ordinance would have been enacted had such unconstitutional, invalid or illegal provision not been included herein.
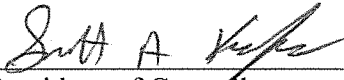
SECTION 4.

This Ordinance shall become effective at the earliest date permitted by law.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 11th_ day of May, 2015.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF CATAWISSA

Kimberly Rhoades
Secretary

By: _Scott A Kufe_
President of Council

Approved this 11th day of May, 2015.

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Mayor