

**TOWNSHIP OF BRADFORD
CLEARFIELD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE 2018 - 04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRADFORD, A SECOND-CLASS TOWNSHIP, IN THE COUNTY OF CLEARFIELD AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP'S FIRE HYDRANT ASSESSMENT ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors ("Board") of the Township of Bradford, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania ("Township") previously enacted a Fire Hydrant Assessment Ordinance ("Ordinance") for the establishment of assessments for fire hydrants; and

WHEREAS, the board desires to amend the Ordinance to remove certain items from the ordinance to benefit residents; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE Board of Supervisors of Bradford Township, Clearfield County, after Public Hearing and in accordance with the general powers permitted by the Second-Class Township Code Act of May 1, 1933, P.A. 103; Act of July 10, 1947, P.S. 1481, as amended by Act 60 of 1995 (53 P.S. §2001 et seq.), that the Ordinance be amended as follows:

Section 1. Declaration of official intent to assess property owners for fire hydrant services shall be amended to read as follows:

The Township hereby declares its intention and reasonable expectation to seek reimbursement via assessment from the owners of any properties receiving the benefit of fire hydrant services ("Benefitted Properties"). Benefitted Properties are those within the boundaries of the Township where a fire hydrant presently exists or is installed within 780 feet of the property. The list of Benefitted Properties will be determined by the Board of Supervisors at their sole discretion.

Section 2. Rates set by assessment formula; late fees and interest shall be amended to read as follows:

Annual rates for these assessments will be effective upon approval of the appropriate Resolution by the Board of Supervisors, which may be done no more than annually. All assessments will be due by December 31 in the respective calendar year of assessment. Every person subject to the assessment imposed who fails to make payment of the whole amount thereof by January 15 of the following calendar year, will have all unpaid prior year assessments and any additional fees due thereon turned over to the Code Enforcement Officer for enforcement.

Section 3. Billing shall be amended to read as follows:

The Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Township Tax Collector to prepare billing statements for the assessment and collection from all Benefitted Properties. Billing statements can be prepared and mailed with the calendar year municipal tax billings.

Section 4. Assessment Determination shall be amended to read as follows:

Upon enactment of this Ordinance, the Board of Supervisors will direct the Township Secretary to provide a summary of the Benefitted Properties within the Township received from the tax collector based upon previous collections. The Board of Supervisors may request updated summaries of the same on an annual basis for review and approval by official vote of the Board.

Section 5. Violations and Penalties shall be amended to read as follows:

Any person who violates or permits a violation of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$300.00, plus costs of prosecution and restitution. Each day or portion thereof that such violation continues or is permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense, and each section of this article that is violated shall also constitute a separate offense.

Section 6. Effective Date: Repeal shall be amended to read as follows:

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately. All prior ordinances and/or resolutions or portions thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

DULY ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2018.

ATTEST:

BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Karen S. Fulmer, Secretary

William M. Graham, Chairman

Ronald L. Krise, Vice-Chairman

Ronald L. Maines, Supervisor