

TOWNSHIP OF HATFIELD
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. ____

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HATFIELD, MONTGOMERY COUNTY,
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING THE INTEREST RATE
FOR COLLECTION OF MUNICIPAL CLAIMS AND DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority of the Municipal Claims and Tax Liens Law, 53 P.S. § 7143, a Pennsylvania municipality is permitted to collect interest on all municipal claims at a rate not to exceed ten per cent (10%) per annum, following the filing of municipal liens for such claims; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Hatfield Township has determined that it is necessary to specify a uniform and consistent interest rate applicable to the collection of all municipal liens filed by the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it, and it is hereby **ORDAINED** by the Board of Commissioners of Hatfield Township, and it is hereby **ENACTED** and **ORDAINED** by authority of same as follows:

Section 1. Interest Rate Established.

To each municipal lien duly filed by the Township of Hatfield in accordance with the provisions of any Township ordinance and pursuant to the Municipal Claims and Tax Liens Law, 53 P.S. § 7143, there shall be added interest at the rate of ten per cent (10%) per annum, calculated in accordance therewith.

Section 2. Interpretation.

The words, phrases and provisions of this Ordinance are not to be interpreted in a way that results in an absurd construction of the meaning, or in a way that causes one provision to contradict another.

Section 3. Liberal Construction.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be liberally construed to effectively carry out the purposes that are hereby found and declared to be in furtherance of the public health, safety, welfare and convenience.

Section 4. Repealer.

All ordinances, code sections or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 5. Severability.

It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that if a court of competent jurisdiction declares any provision of this Chapter to be invalid or ineffective in whole or in part, the effect of such decision shall be limited to those provisions which are expressly stated in the decision to be invalid or ineffective, and all other provisions of this Chapter shall continue to be separately and fully effective.

Section 6. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its legal enactment.

ORDAINED and **ENACTED** this 27th day of April, 2011.

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
HATFIELD TOWNSHIP**

Andrew S. Haines, Manager

Thomas C. Zipfel, President