BARRETT TOWNSHIP MONROE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 166

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARRETT, COUNTY OF MONROE, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, PROVIDING FOR A QUESTION TO BE PLACED BEFORE THE VARIOUS VOTERS OF BARRETT TOWNSHIP BY A REFERENDUM AT THE GENERAL ELECTION OF NOVEMBER 2, 2010, ASKING WHETHER THE ELECTORS OF BARRETT TOWNSHIP FAVOR THE IMPOSITION OF AN ANNUAL TAX AT THE RATE OF FOUR (4) MILLS TO SUPPORT AMBULANCE, RESCUE AND OTHER EMERGENCY SERVICES SERVING BARRETT TOWNSHIP.

WHEREAS, Barrett Township is a Second Class Township organized and operating under the Laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania;

WHEREAS, Section 3205(a)(8) of the Second Class Township Code, found at 53 P.S. §68205(a)(8), authorizes a township board of supervisor to levy upon all taxable real estate within the township an annual tax not exceeding one-half mill to support ambulance, rescue and other emergency services serving the township (the "Ambulance Tax");

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority of Section 3205(a)(8), the Barrett Township Board of Supervisors previously approved and levied an annual Ambulance Tax at the rate of one-half mill to support ambulance, rescue and other emergency services serving Barrett Township;

WHEREAS, Section 3205(a)(8)(ii) provides that if an annual Ambulance Tax is proposed to be set higher than one-half mill, the question shall be submitted to the voters of the township;

WHEREAS, it is evident to the Board of Supervisors that the current Ambulance Tax in the amount of one-half mill is not sufficient to cover the needs of the ambulance, rescue and other emergency services serving Barrett Township;

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Barrett Township wishes to determine whether the citizens of Barrett Township desire to increase the annual Ambulance Tax to the rate of four (4) mills.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of Barrett Township, Monroe County, Pennsylvania, pursuant to the above referenced authority, the following:

SECTION 1. REFERENDUM. The Board of Supervisors of Barrett Township, Monroe County, Pennsylvania, under the powers vested in them by law hereby shall provide for a referendum at the general election of November 2, 2010, on the question of whether an annual tax shall be levied at a rate of four (4) mills to support ambulance, rescue and other emergency services serving Barrett Township. If approved by the voters, the said tax shall be levied upon all real property within Barrett Township made taxable for township purposes, as ascertained by the last adjusted valuation for county purposes.

SECTION 2. LANGUAGE OF REFERENUM.

The referendum shall read as follows:

"Do you favor the imposition by Barrett Township of an annual tax at the rate of four (4) mills to support ambulance, rescue and other emergency services serving Barrett Township?"

YES or NO

SECTION 3. PLAIN ENGLISH VERSION. The Board of Supervisors of Barrett Township hereby adopts the plain English version of the referendum question set forth in Section 2 above:

"The ballot question asks the voters of Barrett Township whether the Township should impose a tax at the rate of four (4) mills on an annual basis to support ambulance, rescue and other emergency services serving Barrett Township.

A vote of 'YES' to the ballot question approves the imposition of an annual tax at the rate of four (4) mills to support ambulance, rescue and other emergency services serving Barrett Township."

- SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable, and if any of the provisions hereof shall be found to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in effect. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Board of Supervisors that this ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not been included herein.
- SECTION 5. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions conflicting or inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed but only insofar as same are in direct conflict or directly inconsistent with this Ordinance.
- SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after the date of its enactment.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into an Ordinance at a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Barrett Township, Monroe County, Pennsylvania, this 29 day of July 2010.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF BARRETT TOWNSHIP

James A. Siglin

Paul Stotsenburg

John Seese

Michael J. Stir

Ralph Megliola

ATTEST:

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[TOWNSHIP SEAL]

IN RE:

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the attached Ordinance is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance enacted by the Board of Supervisors of Barrett Township, Monroe County, Pennsylvania, at a duly advertised special meeting held on the _29 _ day of ______, 2010.

(TOWNSHIP SEAL)

Michael J. Stirr, Secretary

Barrett Township Board of Supervisors

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