

NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP
BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP AT CHAPTER ONE (1), PART FIVE (5), BY REPEALING ARTICLE C. "MUNICIPAL CLAIMS," AND REPLACING IT WITH ARTICLE C. "COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES," TO CREATE A PENALTY, INTEREST, AND FEE SCHEDULE FOR COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of the Township of New Britain is duly empowered by the Pennsylvania Second Class Township Code §607, *et seq.*, to enact certain regulations relating to the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Township of New Britain; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and prudent for the Township of New Britain to recover its levied and unpaid delinquent real estate taxes promptly, and if necessary, to accomplish such recovery through legal proceedings; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Claims and Tax Liens Act, 53 P.S. §7101, *et seq.* (the "MCTLA"), authorizes the addition of interest, costs, charges, expenses, and fees, including reasonable attorney fees, to the total payable with respect to unpaid taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the Township of New Britain has determined that it is in the best interest of all taxpayers and residents to enforce the payment of delinquent real estate taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the Township of New Britain has determined that the addition of interest, costs, charges, expenses, and fees to the total payable with respect to unpaid taxes is reasonable and just;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of New Britain Township that the New Britain Township Code is amended as follows:

**SECTION 1. Amendment to Chapter One (1), to amend Part Five (5), by
repealing Article C. “Municipal Claims” and replacing it with
Article C. “Collection of Delinquent Real Estate Taxes.”**

The Code of New Britain Township, Chapter 1, “Administration and Government,” to amend by repealing Part 5, “POLICY STATEMENTS,” Article C., “Municipal Claims,” and replacing it with Article C., “Collection of Delinquent Real Estate Taxes,” as follows:

Chapter 1 Administration and Government

Part 5 POLICY STATEMENTS

Article C. Collection of Delinquent Real Estate Taxes.

§1-521 Alternative Collector.

In addition to the authorization for the collection of taxes pursuant to the Real Estate Tax Sales Law (“RETSL”), 72 P.S. §5860.201 *et seq.*, the Buck County Tax Claim Bureau is appointed as alternative collector and is authorized and directed to file liens for existing delinquent real estate taxes with the Prothonotary of Bucks County in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Claims and Tax Liens Act, 53 P.S. §7101, *et seq.*

§1-522 Interest Charged.

In accordance with MCTLA and RETSL, interest shall be charged on taxes so returned from and after but not before the first day of the month following the return. Interest shall be charged at the rate of nine per centum (9%) annum.

§1-523 Reasonable Charges, Expenses and Fees.

Pursuant to Section 7106 of the MCTLA, it is hereby established that the reasonable charges, expenses, and fees incurred in the collection of any delinquent account under the MCTLA are hereby fixed at five percent (5%) of the total amount of the delinquent taxes (including interest and penalties), and that additional reasonable attorney’s fees incurred in the collection of any delinquent taxes shall be fixed at one percent (1%) of the total amount of the delinquent taxes (including interest and penalties), and that said charges for attorney’s fees and for all charges, expenses and fees set forth herein, shall be paid to the County of Bucks through the Bucks County Tax Claim Bureau in lieu of payment of commission pursuant to Section 207 of RETSL;

§1-524 Enabling.

The proper officials of New Britain Township are hereby authorized and empowered to take such additional action as they may deem necessary or appropriate to implement this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. Repeal and Ratification.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith or in conflict with any of the specific terms enacted hereby, to the extent of said inconsistencies or conflicts, are hereby specifically repealed. Any other terms and provisions of the New Britain Township Code unaffected by this Ordinance are hereby reaffirmed and ratified.

SECTION 3. Severability.

Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase in this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect, and for this reason, the provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable.

SECTION 4. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately after enactment.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 17th day of August, 2026, by the Board of Supervisors of New Britain Township.

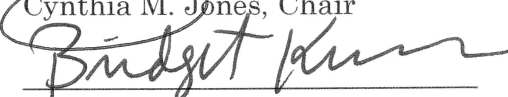
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Nick Valla, Township Manager

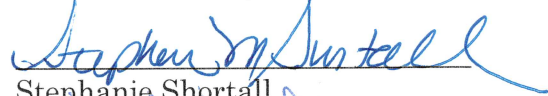
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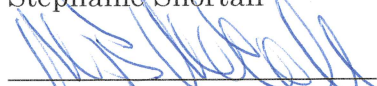
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