

BOROUGH OF SWARTHMORE

ORDINANCE 1088

An Ordinance levying taxes in the Borough of Swarthmore for the calendar and fiscal year 2020 for general borough purposes, municipal pension obligation, and debt service; establishing solid waste collection and disposal and sanitary sewer usage fees; fixing the discount for prompt payment of taxes and fees, and the penalty for late payment; proclaiming the continuance, without change, of the 1% realty transfer tax and the Local Services Tax (LST) now in effect under the Local Tax Enabling Act of 1965, its amendments and supplements.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SWARTHMORE DOES ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. TAXES

For the calendar and fiscal year 2020 there is hereby levied and assessed upon all property in the Borough of Swarthmore assessable for County purposes, taxes at the following rates and for the following purposes:

- (a) For general borough purposes a tax at the rate of 4.755 mills on each dollar of assessed value.
- (b) For debt service a special sinking fund tax at the rate of .418 mills on each dollar of assessed value.
- (c) For pension plan obligations a tax rate of .500 mills on each dollar of assessed value.

**TOTAL MILLAGE
5.673 MILLS**

SECTION 2. USAGE FEES

For the calendar and fiscal year 2020, there is hereby levied upon all real property entitled to use of the listed service within the Borough, usage fees at the following rates:

- (a) For solid waste (trash and recycling) collection and disposal, a charge of three hundred sixty dollars (\$360) per dwelling unit annually.
- (b) For recycling-only collection and disposal, a charge of seventy-five dollars (\$75) per unit annually.
- (c) For usage of the sanitary sewer system, a charge not to exceed seven dollars and ten cents (\$7.10) per thousand gallons of water or fraction thereof used in the calendar year 2018.

SECTION 3. **COLLECTION OF TAXES AND USAGE FEES**

Proper legal provision shall be made for the collection of the tax millages and fees set forth in this ordinance.

SECTION 4. **DISCOUNTS AND PENALTIES**

Pursuant to the authorization provided by Act 126 of 1976, as amended, the rates of discounts and penalties on the foregoing taxes and fees are hereby established as follows:

- (a) Taxpayers who make payment of the whole amount of the taxes and/or fees due within two months after the official date of the tax notice shall be entitled to a discount of two percent (2%) of the amount of such taxes.
- (b) Taxpayers who fail to make payment of the whole amount of the taxes and/or fees due within four months after the official the official date of said tax notice shall be charged a penalty of ten percent (10%) of the amount of such taxes and/or fees. The penalty shall be added to the taxes and/or fees by the tax collector and collected in accordance with the law.
- (c) Taxpayers who fail to make payment of the whole amount of the taxes assessed against real estate due within four (4) months after the official date of said tax notice shall be charged interest at the rate not to exceed six percent (6%) per year until such indebtedness is fully paid. The interest shall be added to the taxes and collected in accordance with the law.
- (d) Taxpayers who fail to make payment of the whole amount of any fees due within four (4) months after the official date of said tax notice shall be charged interest of ten percent (10%) per year until such indebtedness is fully paid. The interest shall be added to the fees or rents and collected in accordance with the law. Such interest shall commence to accrue from the date a lien is filed or such earlier date as may be permitted by law.

SECTION 5. **OTHER TAXES**

The Council hereby ordains the continuance, without change, of the 1% Realty Transfer Tax and the Local Services Tax heretofore duly levied and assessed by this Borough under the provisions of the Local Tax Enabling Act of 1965, its amendments and supplements, including Act 77 of 1986.

SECTION 6.

ORDINANCE DISTRIBUTION

The Borough Secretary is hereby directed to forward copies of this ordinance to:
The Department of Community and Economic Development
The Wallingford-Swarthmore School District
The Tax Collector of the Borough of Swarthmore

PASSED THIS 16TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2019.

SWARTHMORE BOROUGH COUNCIL

DAVID J. Creagan
PRESIDENT

ATTESTED THIS 16TH DAY OF
DECEMBER, 2019

APPROVED THIS 16TH DAY OF
DECEMBER, 2019

JANE C. BILLINGS
BOROUGH MANAGER/SECRETARY

Marty Spiegel
MAYOR