ORDINANCE 2019-07

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 182 "FEES," TO CREATE SECTION 28 "TAX COLLECTOR FEES," OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN TO AUTHORIZE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CHARGE FEES FOR TAX SALE NOTICES.

WHEREAS, State statute authorizes tax sales pursuant to rules and regulations to be promulgated by the Director of the Division of Government Services; and,

WHEREAS, the rules and regulations require a municipality to send two (2) noticed of tax sale to all properties included in said sale; and,

WHEREAS, the rules and regulations allow said municipality to charge a fee of \$25.00 per notice for the creation, printing and mailing of said notice; and,

WHEREAS, in an effort to more fairly assign greater fiscal responsibility to delinquent taxpayers, the Township of Franklin wishes to charge \$25.00 per notice mailed which will be assessed specifically to the delinquent accounts that are causing the need for a tax sale and not to the general tax base; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee wishes to amend Chapter 182 "Fees," of the Code of the Township of Franklin to create Section 28 "Tax Collector Fees".

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin that Chapter 182 "Fees," shall be amended as follows:

Section 1:

§182-28 Tax Collector Fees

The Tax Collector shall charge to the assessed owner of any property on the advertised municipal tax sale list a fee of \$25 per notice sent.

Section 2:

<u>Severability.</u> The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of

competent jurisdiction, the remainder off this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3:

<u>Repealer</u>. Any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to their inconsistencies only.

Section 4:

Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

I, Christine Burke, Clerk for the Township of Franklin, hereby certify that Ordinance #2019-07 was introduced on first reading by the governing body of the Township of Franklin, County of Hunterdon, on September 12, 2019.

Public hearing and consideration for adoption was held on October 10, 2019, at which time the Ordinance was finally adopted.

Christine Burke, Township Clerk

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