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CITY OF READING
BILL NO. 22A 2016

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING COLLECTION AGENCY FEES

The City of Reading City Council hereby ordains under authority of the Local Tax Enabling Act, the Municipal Claims and Tax Lien Act, and other applicable law, as follows:

Section 1. Definitions. The following terms shall have the meanings set forth herein:

- a. Collector. The Berks County Earned Income Tax Collection Bureau.
- b. Enactment. This of this Ordinance.
- c. Governing Body. The City of Reading City Council.
- d. Tax. All local earned income taxes, other taxes, penalties, interest, and costs that the Collector collects on behalf of the Taxing Authority under the Local Tax Enabling Act, 53 P.S. § 6924.101, *et seq.*, or other statutory law.
- e. Taxpayer. An employer or taxpayer that is liable for Tax.
- f. Taxing Authority. City of Reading.

Section 2. Authorization. The Taxing Authority acknowledges the Collector may engage one or more third-party collection agencies to pursue and collect delinquent Tax in situations where the amount of delinquent Tax owed is relatively small and it is therefore cost-prohibitive for the Collector to dedicate the upfront resources necessary to pursue such delinquent Tax. The Taxing Authority hereby approves of the imposition on and collection of a fee from any delinquent Taxpayer by any third-party collection agency engaged by the Collector, provided such fee does not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount of Tax collected from any such Taxpayer.

Section 3. Notice. Promptly after adoption of this Enactment, the Taxing Authority will provide a copy of the Enactment to the Collector. If the Taxing Authority later rescinds, limits, or changes the scope of, the authorization set forth in this Enactment, then the Taxing Authority will immediately notify the Collector.

Section 4. Severability. The provisions of this Enactment are severable and if any of its provisions are ruled invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions of this Enactment. It is declared to be the intention of the Governing Body that this Enactment would have been adopted if such invalid or unconstitutional provision had not been included.

Section 5. Enactment. This Enactment is adopted and enacted July 25, 2016.

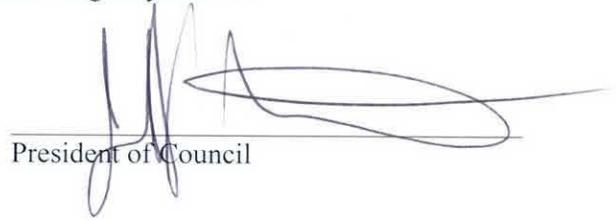
ATTEST:

City of Reading City Council


City Clerk

By:

President of Council



Submitted to Mayor: _____

Date: 7/20/16

Received by the Mayor's Office: _____

Date: _____

Approved by Mayor: _____

Date: 7/26/16

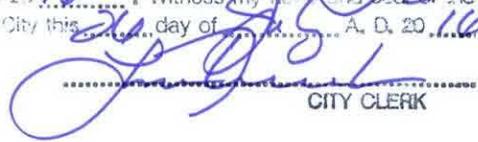
Vetoed by Mayor: _____

Date: _____

I, LINDA A. KELLEHER, City Clerk of the City of Reading, Pa., do hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original

Resolution passed by the Council of the City of Reading, on the 25 day of July

A. D. 20 16. Witness my hand and seal of the said City this 26 day of July, A. D. 20 16


CITY CLERK