

**PALMER TOWNSHIP
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORDINANCE 2015 - _____**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF PALMER
TOWNSHIP TO SET THE BUSINESS PRIVILEGE LICENSE FEE AND REQUIRE
RENEWAL OF SAID LICENSE FEE EVERY CALENDAR YEAR**

WHEREAS, according to the Second Class Township Code, specifically 53 P.S. § 1532 and the Local Tax Enabling Act of 1965, P.L. 1257, codified at 53 P.S. § 6901 et seq. and subsequent amendments thereto, the Palmer Township Board of Supervisors has the authority to regulate business activities within the Township and establish license fees associated with the regulation of business; and,

WHEREAS, the Palmer Township Board of Supervisors believe that the current business privilege license ordinance should be amended to require license renewal on each calendar year in order to effectuate the efficient processing of business licenses in the Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Palmer Township Board of Supervisors believe that the current business license fee should be established by resolution each year within the general fee schedule of the Township in order to alleviate the administrative costs associated with said licenses based upon the increasing amount businesses operating within Palmer Township.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Board of Supervisors of Palmer Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, by the authority vested in the Palmer Township Board of Supervisors via the act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania known and cited as the Second Class Township Code, specifically 53 P.S. § 1532 and the Local Tax Enabling Act of 1965, P.L. 1257, codified as 53 P.S. § 6901 et seq., as follows:

1. The Palmer Township General Ordinance, Chapter 173, entitled Taxation, § 173-10, License and Fee shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Any person conducting, engaging in or carrying on any business, trade, occupation or business activity, or desiring to conduct or continuing to conduct any said business, trade, occupation or business activity within the Township shall file with the collection officer an application for a business privilege license and shall pay the appropriate fee, established annually by resolution of the Board of Supervisors, for the initial license and for each renewal thereafter. The fee shall not be prorated by the Township based upon the date of issuance. All licenses shall be effective for one calendar year, effective January 1 and expiring on December 31. The license issued shall be conspicuously posted in the place of business for which such license is issued. In cases where more than one place of business is conducted, a separate license shall be issued for each place of business. Any taxpayer who is in default in payment of tax due hereunder shall be refused a license until such tax is paid in full. Licenses may be revoked for Township ordinance violations.

2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed as to such inconsistency only.
3. If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any part thereof not declared invalid.
4. All other terms, conditions, and the provisions of the aforesaid General Ordinances for the Township of Palmer shall remain in full force and effect.
5. This ordinance shall take effect five days after its adoption.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED into law by the Palmer Township Board of Supervisors this _____ day of _____, 2015.

**PALMER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

David E. Colver – Chairman

ATTESTED:

Christopher S. Christman,
Township Manager/Secretary