

**POLK TOWNSHIP, MONROE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORDINANCE NO. 5 OF 2017**

**AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION OF RESIDENTIAL TENANTS
IN POLK TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Polk Township Board of Supervisors pursuant to 53 P.S. Sections 6902 of the Local Tax Enabling Act entitled “Delegation of Taxing Powers and Restrictions Thereon” is authorized to levy certain taxes for general revenue purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Polk Township Board of Supervisors is empowered to enact Ordinances in which general or specific powers of the Township may be exercised in accordance with Section 1601 of the Second Class Township Code; and

WHEREAS, the Polk Township Board of Supervisors deem it to be in Township’s best interest regarding the health, welfare and safety of the citizenry to adopt an Ordinance requiring registration of residential tenants to assure that residents of the Township equally bear the tax burden.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ORDAINED and ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of Polk Township, Monroe County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

Section 1: Upon the effective date of this Ordinance, and annually thereafter, any person, corporation, association or other entity owning or managing residential property located within Polk Township shall register with the Township on a form approved by the Township the names and addresses of any person occupying such property, whether leased or otherwise occupied, provided that said period of occupancy is for a period of ninety days or longer;

Section 2: Attached hereto is a Tenant Registration Form which shall be used by any party obligated to register tenants in Polk Township;

Section 3: The Tenant Registration Form shall be filed on an annual basis on or before September 1 of each calendar year with the Polk Township Secretary;

Section 4: There shall be no fee for filing the Tenant Registration Form;

Section 5: Penalties. Any person, the principal or any association or firm or the chief executive officer or board of directors of any corporation violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall upon conviction thereof before any District Justice, be fined in an amount of not more than One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars for any one offense, recoverable along with the cost of prosecution. Upon default of payment of the said fine and/or costs, such persons shall be committed to incarceration for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days;

Section 6: This Ordinance shall be known as the "Tenant Registration Ordinance";

Section 7: Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective five (5) days after adoption;

Section 8. Repealer. This Ordinance repeals any inconsistent provisions of any previously adopted Polk Township Ordinance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Polk Township Board of Supervisors after do advertisement hereby ADOPTS this Ordinance this 24th day of July, 2017.

POLK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By: Brian K. Ahner
Brian K. Ahner, Chairman

By: Michael D. Hurley
Michael D. Hurley, Vice-Chairman

By: Carl S. Heckman
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ATTEST:

Ruthanne K. Toner
Ruthanne K. Toner, Secretary

