

BOROUGH OF BELLEVUE
COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 17 - 07

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BELLEVUE, A HOME RULE MUNICIPALITY IN THE COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA; PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOSITION OF ATTORNEY'S FEES ON ALL DEBTS, CLAIMS, TAXES, ASSESSMENTS OR MUNICIPAL CHARGES OF ANY NATURE; PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF THE SAME IN THE SAME MANNER AS ALL MUNICIPAL CLAIMS; PROVIDING THAT SUCH EXPENSES MAY BE ASSESSED AND ADDED TO ALL MUNICIPAL CLAIMS AND CHARGES; PROVIDING A MECHANISM TO DETERMINE LEGAL FEES , COSTS AND EXPENSES.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Bellevue, in the County of Allegheny and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bellevue has encountered considerable expense in collecting delinquent taxes, assessments, charges and other municipal claims; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bellevue should not be burdened by additional charges since it is not equitable to taxpayers who promptly pay their taxes and municipal charges; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bellevue deems it in the best interest of the residents of the Borough to impose costs or collection on all delinquent taxpayers; and

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Bellevue assembled as follows:

SECTION 1: This Ordinance shall be known as the Costs of Collections Ordinance.

SECTION 2: Hereinafter, for every delinquent claim, charge, tax assessment, levy or obligation owed to the Borough of Bellevue, there shall be added to such claim, charge, tax assessment, levy or obligation such attorney's fees, charges, and expenses incurred in the

collection process subsequent to proper notification to taxpayers of the intent to impose attorney's fees, charges and expenses on delinquent obligations. Such additional charges shall be collected in addition to such interest and penalties as are allowed by law. The additional charges shall further be collected in the same manner and with the full authority as other municipal claims of any nature, and shall be deemed to be a municipal claim for purposes of collection and obtaining a lien on property.

SECTION 3: Such fees shall be reasonable and the same are hereby established in a fee rate as attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule A. Said schedule of fees is hereby deemed to be reasonable, fair, and necessary in order to allow the Borough of Bellevue to collect such amounts due. This schedule may be amended from time to time by Resolution.

SECTION 4: Any person or entity empowered to collect amounts on behalf of the Borough of Bellevue is directed to add such fees as are incurred to the extent allowed and set forth on Schedule A.

SECTION 5: Attorney fees incurred to the extent set forth on Schedule A shall be added to all unpaid municipal claims of any nature arising or imposed subsequent to the effective date of this Ordinance which become delinquent or are predetermined to be delinquent subsequent to the effective date of this Ordinance. Prior to the time when such fees are added to any underlying claim, the tax collector shall first give the taxpayer such notice as required by law. The tax collector or other collector shall so notify the taxpayer by sending such notice to the taxpayer's last known address in accordance with the law.

SECTION 6: This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon enactment and approval.

SECTION 7: Any ordinance, or part thereof, conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance is hereby repealed insofar as the affects this ordinance.

ORDAINED and **ENACTED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Bellevue in lawful session duly assembled this May 23, 2017.

ATTEST:

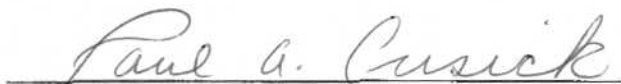
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By: 
Lynn Tennant Heffley, President
Bellevue Town Council



Examined and approved this 23 day of May, 2017.


Hon. Paul Cusick, Mayor



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