

BOROUGH OF NEW BRITAIN
BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE No. 433

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE BOROUGH OF NEW BRITAIN, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025; REPEALING PRIOR INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of New Britain is empowered by the Borough Code, 8 Pa.C.S. § 101, *et seq.*, and other applicable Pennsylvania law to establish and impose certain taxes on real estate in the Borough.

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of New Britain has determined it to be in the best interest of the Borough to establish and impose the tax rates set forth hereinbelow.

WHEREAS, given the Borough's current financial position and forecast, the lack of a Borough-wide reassessment on property values, the age of the Borough's housing stock, and the relatively low turnover in property ownership in the Borough, the tax rates contemplated hereinbelow include 35 mills for general Borough purposes, which requires petition to the Court of Common Pleas upon resolution of Borough Council, which resolution Borough Council adopts contemporaneously herewith.

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, and it is hereby enacted by the Council of the Borough of New Britain as follows:

SECTION 1.

That a tax be and the same is hereby levied for the year 2025 upon all real estate in the Borough of New Britain subject to taxation for Borough purposes as follows (all references to "assessed valuation" refer to assessed valuation for county purposes):

- A. The tax rate for general Borough purposes is hereby fixed at 35.000 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation (\$3.50 on each \$100 of assessed valuation).
- B. The tax rate for park and recreation purposes is hereby fixed at 1.000 mill on each dollar of assessed valuation (\$0.10 on each \$100 of assessed value)
- C. The tax rate for fire protection services is hereby fixed at 1.250 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation (\$0.125 on each \$100 of assessed valuation).

- D. The tax rate for support of ambulance and rescue squad purposes is hereby fixed at 0.500 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation (\$0.05 on each \$100 of assessed valuation).
- E. The tax rate for debt service on the borrowing for the Central Bucks Regional Police Headquarters is hereby fixed at 4.800 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation (\$0.48 on each \$100 of assessed valuation).

SECTION 2.

The Borough Council of the Borough of New Britain recognizes that by setting a rate of 35 mills for general Borough purposes, the Borough must petition the Court of Common Pleas of Bucks County for an order setting the rate at 5 mills above the otherwise permitted maximum millage of 30 mills. Borough Council of the Borough of New Britain hereby authorizes the Borough Solicitor and Borough Manager to make such petition to the Court of Common Pleas, which authorization is further set forth by resolution being adopted contemporaneously with this ordinance.

SECTION 3.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are, to the extent of such inconsistency, hereby repealed.

SECTION 4.

The terms, conditions and provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and, should any portion, part or provision of this ordinance be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, non-enforceable or unconstitutional, Borough Council hereby declares its intent that the ordinance shall have been enacted without regard to the invalid, non-enforceable, or unconstitutional portion, part or provision of this ordinance.

SECTION 5.

This ordinance shall become effective at the earliest time permitted under Pennsylvania law.


ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 17th day of December 2024.

ATTEST:


John Wolff
Borough Manager/Secretary


Tom Price
Council President

APPROVED this 17th day of December 2024.


James Donovan, Mayor