

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER NAZARETH
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 204-7-11

AN ORDINANCE

**ESTABLISHING A FEE TO PROVIDE A
CERTIFICATION OF TAXES PAID ON REAL ESTATE.**

WHEREAS, the Township of Lower Nazareth recognizes the importance and significance of real estate tax certification, being a certification of taxes paid on real estate located within the taxing jurisdiction, to the smooth and effective flow of commerce within the local real estate market; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Court has held that the charging of fees for tax certifications in the absence of a municipal ordinance would cause an elected official to violate Section 3(a) of the State Ethics Act.

NOW, IT IS HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED, and pursuant to the authority granted it by the Second Class Township Code and Local Tax Collection Law, the Township of Lower Nazareth hereby appoints the duly elected or appointed real estate tax collector, or his/her designee, as the municipal officer authorized to provide tax certifications upon request by the public and hereby authorizes said tax collector to assess, collect and retain, as compensation for providing such additional service, a fee of Twenty (\$20.00) Dollars per tax parcel per tax certification issued.

DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 27th day of July, 2011.

ATTEST:


TIMM A. TENGES, Secretary

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER NAZARETH

BY:


ERIC NAGLE, Chairman