

ORDINANCE NO. 595

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FLEETWOOD, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF THE PROGRAM TITLED THE "TAX INCENTIVES GENERATE EMPOWERED RESIDENTS AND SENIORS" ("TIGERS PROGRAM")

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by Borough Council of the Borough of Fleetwood, in the County of Berks 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:

SECTION 1. The title of the Program shall be Tax Incentives Generate Empowered Residents and Seniors ("TIGERS").

SECTION 2. The Program rules are as follows:

- a. The TIGERS Program is a tax exchange program meant to provide alternative methods of payment of Borough of Fleetwood ("Borough") taxes for community citizens of limited income who provide the Borough with their skills, time and efforts.
- b. The TIGERS program is open to Borough residents in financial need of residential Borough tax payment assistance with preference to those who are sixty (60) years of age or older.
- c. A record of time volunteered must be kept by the participating resident and the Borough secretary. Monthly records will be sent to Fleetwood Borough Council by the Borough Secretary. For every hour of volunteer service (maximum 100 hours in a calendar year) provided to the Borough, a credit of \$5.99 will be set aside toward a rebate (maximum \$599.00) on the next fiscal year's Borough tax bill. At the end of the Borough's fiscal year, the Borough secretary will calculate the credit earned during that fiscal year, present the amount to Fleetwood Borough Council for approval, and issue a rebate check to the participating resident after the participating resident has paid the next fiscal year's Borough tax bill. The total rebate will be limited to the total tax bill the participating resident has paid and no additional payment will be issued for credits earned in excess of the actual tax bill.

d. The credit may increase in the future and be the same as the credit assigned by the Fleetwood School District for the STARS Program.

e. Examples of areas for time contribution include, but are not limited to, the following (other needs, experiences, and skills will also be considered for TIGERS eligibility):

- (1) Borough office;
- (2) Custodial;
- (3) Grounds keeping;
- (4) Borough events;
- (5) Pool/Playground;
- (6) Park refreshment stand;
- (7) Courtesy water/snack stations for parades;
- (8) Construction (pool/park shade structure); and
- (9) Painting (buildings, park, curbs).

f. An introductory flyer shall be established as follows:

TIGERS
Tax Incentives Generate Empowered Residents and Seniors

PURPOSE: To provide alternative methods of payment of Borough of Fleetwood taxes for community citizens of limited income with preference given to those who are sixty (60) years of age or older who provide the Borough with their skills, time and efforts.

WHO?: The TIGERS Program is open to residents in financial need of Borough tax payment assistance with preference to those who are sixty (60) years of age or older.

HOW?: A *Volunteer Applicant Form* and a *Financial Needs Assessment Information Form* must be completed and provided to the Borough secretary.

A record of time volunteered must be kept by the participating resident and the Borough secretary. Monthly records will be sent to Fleetwood Borough Council by the Borough Secretary. For every hour of volunteer service (maximum 100 hours in a calendar year) provided to the Borough, a credit of \$5.99 will be set aside toward a rebate (maximum \$599.00) on the next fiscal year's Borough tax bill. At the end of the Borough's fiscal year, the Borough secretary will calculate the credit earned during that fiscal year, present the amount to Fleetwood Borough Council for approval, and issue a rebate check to the participating resident after the participating resident has paid the next fiscal year's Borough tax bill. The total rebate will be limited to the total tax bill the participating resident has paid and no additional payment will be issued for credits earned in excess of the actual tax bill.

WHERE?: A list of areas of Borough operations in which participating residents may volunteer in the Borough in exchange for tax credit will be provided. We will try to match the participating resident's skills and preferences with Borough needs.

g. The following Volunteer Application Form shall be submitted to the Borough in order to participate in TIGERS:

SECTION 3. Any ordinance or parts of any ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as they are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. If any article, section, subsection, provision, regulation, limitation, restriction, sentence, clause, phrase or word in this Ordinance is for any reason declared to be illegal, unconstitutional or invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction, this decision shall not affect or impair the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or any other article, section, subsection, provision, regulation, limitation, restriction, sentence, clause, phrase, word, or remaining portion of the within Ordinance. Borough hereby declares that it would have adopted the within Ordinance and each article, section, subsection, provision, regulation, limitation, restriction, sentence, clause, phrase and word thereof, irrespective of the limitations, restrictions, sentences, clauses, phrases, or word that may be declared illegal, unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall become effective at the earliest date permitted by law.


ORDAINED and ENACTED as an Ordinance by the Borough Council of the Borough of Fleetwood, in lawful session duly assembled, this 12th day of November, 2012.

Attest:

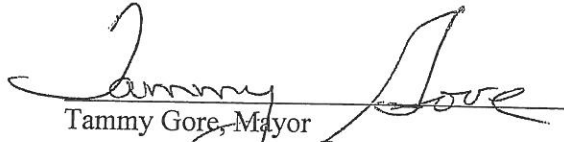

Marsha Anderson, Secretary

BOROUGH OF FLEETWOOD

By


Suzanne P. Touch, President

APPROVED this 12th day of November, 2012.


Tammy Gore, Mayor