

ORDINANCE NO. 2021- 15  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FALLS, BUCKS COUNTY,  
PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CERTAIN DEFINITIONS IN CHAPTER 169,  
“PAWNBROKERS AND DEALERS IN PRECIOUS METALS AND SECONDHAND  
GOODS”

**WHEREAS**, Falls Township is a township of the second class, organized and operating in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Second Class Township Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Board of Supervisors of Falls Township (“Board of Supervisors”) has the authority to enact, amend and repeal provisions of the Falls Township Code ( “Code”) at any time it deems proper; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors has determined that the definitions of “Precious Metal Dealer” and “Precious Metal” located in Section 169-1 of Chapter 169 – “Pawnbrokers and Dealers in Precious Metals and Secondhand Goods” shall be amended for the proper management, care and control of the Township and its finances and the maintenance of peace, good government, health and welfare of the Township and its residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it, and it is hereby ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Falls Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ENACTED and ORDAINED by authority of same as follows:

Section 1. The Code of Township of Falls shall be amended at Chapter 169 – “Pawnbrokers and Dealers in Precious Metals and Secondhand Goods,” Section 1 – “Definitions,” as set forth in Exhibit “A” hereto, wherein the addition of new language is indicated by an underline and the removal of existing language is indicated by a ~~striketrough~~.

Section 2. All provisions of the Code of Ordinances of Falls Township and the Falls Township Zoning Ordinance unaffected by this Ordinance are declared to be in full force and effect. Any provisions of the Code of Ordinances of Falls Township and the Falls Township Zoning Ordinance inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the inconsistency.

Section 3. The provisions of this Ordinance are 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, unenforceable or unconstitutional, the Board of Supervisors hereby declares its intent that the Ordinance shall have been enacted without regard to the invalid, unenforceable, or unconstitutional portion, part or provision of this Ordinance.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after enactment by the Board of Supervisors of Falls Township.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021.

FALLS TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By: 

Chairman

ATTEST:



, Secretary

## EXHIBIT A

### CHAPTER 169 – PAWNBROKERS AND DEALERS IN PRECIOUS METALS AND SECONDHAND GOODS

#### §169-1. Definitions.

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#### PRECIOUS METAL DEALER

An individual, partnership, association, corporation, or other business entity, including an itinerant and/or transient merchant, doing business in the Township of Falls that purchases, makes appraisals of, trades, gathers, aggregates, collects or takes in precious metals and their alloys for any commercial purpose including but not limited to trade, refining, scrapping, or resale to refiners, brokers or the public.

#### PRECIOUS METAL

An item containing or being of ~~ten karat gold or greater fineness, silver, platinum,~~ including but not limited to, jewelry and silver services gold, iridium, osmium, palladium, platinum, rhodium, ruthenium, or silver, having a level of purity of 416 or more parts per thousand (10 karats); or an alloy containing 416 or more parts per thousand, in the aggregate, of two or more of the aforementioned metals.

