

RESOLUTION #2023-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NEW HOPE, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, FIXING AND RETAINING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 IN THE AMOUNTS OF 8.08 MILLS FOR GENERAL BOROUGH PURPOSES, 0.795 MILLS FOR THE STREET LIGHT FUND, 1.85 MILLS FOR THE FIRE PROTECTION FUND, 0.5 MILLS FOR THE AMBULANCE FUND, 0.545 MILLS FOR THE LIBRARY FUND AND 2.0 MILLS FOR DEBT SERVICE, AS PROVIDED UNDER THE PENNSYLVANIA BOROUGH CODE.

WHEREAS, the Council (“Council”) of the Borough of New Hope (“Borough”) is empowered under the Pennsylvania Borough Code, 8 Pa.C.S. § 101, et. seq. to establish and impose certain real property taxes for purposes of funding the operations of the Borough for fiscal year 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough to impose real estate taxes for general Borough purposes, and to provide for street light, fire protection, ambulance and library funds, and debt service during 2024; and

WHEREAS, Act 51 of 2019 provides that the Borough may pass a Tax Resolution where the property tax rate levied is the same or lower than the previous fiscal year (see, 8 Pa.C.S. § 1302(a)); and

WHEREAS, the rates levied under this Resolution for the 2024 Fiscal Year are equal to or lower than the rates levied for the 2023 Fiscal Year; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has approved an annual 2024 Budget which contemplates the collection of revenue through the imposition of real estate taxes as provided in this Resolution.

SECTION I. Establishment of Tax Rates for Fiscal Year 2024.

A tax is hereby established and levied upon all real property located within the Borough which is subject to taxation for the fiscal year 2024 in the following amounts:

- a. The sum of 8.08 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of \$0.808 on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation (or \$8.08 on each one thousand dollars of assessed valuation), for general Borough purposes.
- b. The sum of 0.795 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of \$0.0795 on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation (or \$0.795 on each one thousand dollars of assessed valuation), for the street light fund.
- c. The sum of 1.85 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of \$0.185 on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation (or \$1.85 on each one thousand dollars of assessed valuation), for the fire protection fund.
- d. The sum of 0.5 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of \$0.05 on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation (or \$0.50 on each one thousand dollars of assessed valuation), for the ambulance fund.

- e. The sum of 0.545 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of \$0.0545 on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation (or \$0.545 on each one thousand dollars of assessed valuation), for the library fund.
- f. The sum of 2.0 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of \$0.20 on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation (or \$2.00 on each one thousand dollars of assessed valuation), for debt service.

SECTION II. Discounts and Penalties.

All taxpayers subject to the payment of taxes assessed by this Resolution shall be entitled to a discount of two (2%) percent from the amount of such tax upon making payment of the whole amount thereof within two (2) months after the date of the tax notice therefor. All taxpayers, who shall fail to make payment of the taxes charged against them by this Resolution within four (4) months after the date of the tax notice, shall be charged a penalty of ten (10%) percent of the amount of the tax assessed, which penalty shall be added to the taxes by the Tax Collector and be collected by him or her as provided for in the Local Tax Collection Law, Act of May 25, 1945, P.L. 1050, 72 P.S. §5511.01, et seq., as amended.

SECTION III. Savings Clause.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

SECTION IV. Further Actions.

The Council hereby authorizes and directs the officers of Council, Secretary or Treasurer of the Borough, Borough Administration and Borough Solicitor, to take any further actions as the Council President and officers of the Council deem necessary and appropriate in order to advance the purposes of this Resolution.

SECTION V. Prior Acts.

Any prior actions taken by the Council, Council President, Borough Manager, Secretary or Treasurer of the Borough, Borough Administration or Borough Solicitor, in furtherance of the foregoing, including but not limited to publication of advertisement of consideration and enactment of this Resolution, are hereby authorized, approved, ratified and confirmed.

SECTION VI. Repealer.

All resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION VII. Effective Date.

This Resolution shall be effective January 1, 2024.

SECTION VII.

This Resolution shall take effect January 1, 2024.

RESOLVED and **ENACTED** this 19th day of December, 2023.

Council of the Borough of New Hope
County of Bucks
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



Connie Gering, Council President

Attest: 

Peter Gray, Borough Manager