

VANPORT TOWNSHIP
BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 390

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VANPORT, BEAVER COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING SECTION 165.14 OF THE VANPORT CODE TO ADD A
DEFINITION OF "CLERGY."

WHEREAS, under the current code provisions, no exceptions are made for members of the
clergy;

WHEREAS, under the guidelines of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic
Development (DCED), per Pennsylvania Supreme Court decision, in compliance with the
Constitution of Pennsylvania and the United States, allowing for free exercise of religion, clergy
members should be exempt from occupational taxes;

WHEREAS, Vanport Township intends to protect the rights of its citizens and comply with state
and federal laws;

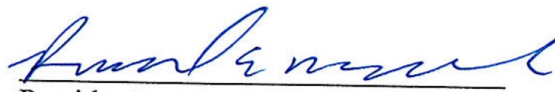
WHEREAS, Vanport Township, in an effort to ensure that its ordinances are in compliance with
State and Federal guidelines and laws and in order to protect the right of its citizens, intends to
grant an exemption for clergy from paying the Local Services Tax

WHEREAS, under the current code provisions, no definition is included for the term "clergy";

THEREFORE, the Township of Vanport, in order to provide clarity and guidance to its residents,
intends to add a definition for the word "Clergy," under 165.14 Definitions, of the Local Services
Tax Ordinance. The balance of 165.14 shall remain unchanged.

**CLERGY -- A licensed, commissioned, or ordained minister who performs ministerial
services and whose primary employment and source of income within the Township is to
conduct religious worship and/or perform other spiritual functions associated with beliefs
and practices of a religious faith or denomination.**

ADOPTED THIS 11TH DAY OF MARCH, 2019 BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF VANPORT
TOWNSHIP.



President

ATTEST:



Township Secretary