

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF PALMER TOWNSHIP, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 30, SALARIES AND COMPENSATION, TO ADD NEW ARTICLES TWO THROUGH FOUR TO PROVIDE COMPENSATION FOR PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS, ZONING HEARING BOARD MEMBERS, AND STORMWATER AUTHORITY MEMBERS, RESPECTIVELY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPALITIES PLANNING CODE, MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES ACT, AND THE SECOND CLASS TOWNSHIP CODE; ESTABLISHING AMOUNTS AND LIMITATIONS ON SUCH COMPENSATION; AND WHICH PROVIDES FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors recognizes the members of the Township boards and commissions devote considerable portions of their personal time in furtherance of Township business, including time spent outside of public meetings conducting community outreach and preparing for said meetings; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has enacted Act 94 of 2024 which permitted increased compensation for members of Pennsylvania Boards of Supervisors for the first time since 1995; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has enacted Act 247 of 1968, codified as the Municipalities Planning Code (“MPC”), which allows the Palmer Township Board of Supervisors (“Board”) to establish compensation for members of its Zoning Hearing Board, 53 P.S. §10907; and

WHEREAS, the MPC further provides that the Board may establish compensation for members of its Planning Commission, 53 P.S. §10202; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has enacted Act 164 of 1945, codified as the Municipal Authorities Act (“MAA”), which allows municipalities to establish authorities for the purposes of stormwater management, 53 Pa. C.S. §5607(18); and

WHEREAS, the Board has established a Stormwater Authority under the MAA by adopting Ordinance No. 2023-480; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has enacted Act 69 of 1933, as amended, codified as the Second Class Township Code, which allows the Board to set

compensation for members of an authority enacted under the authorization of the MAA, 53 P.S. §66548.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds that the compensation of its members, the members of the Zoning Hearing Board, and the members of the Planning Commission has remained static and unadjusted for inflation for more than twenty years;

WHEREAS, the sitting members of the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board, and Stormwater Authority will not receive any increase in compensation provided for hereunder until such time as their seat is subject to election or appointment.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby ordained and enacted by the Palmer Township Board of Supervisors as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Supervisors hereby amends Chapter 30, Article I of the Palmer Township Code relating to Salaries and Compensation of members of the Board of Supervisors pursuant to the limits set forth in the Second Class Township Code so that the revised §30-1 reads as follows:

§30-1 Compensation established.

Each Supervisor of the Township of Palmer, assuming office by election or appointment, after the effective date of this ordinance shall receive compensation as such Supervisor in the annual amount of ~~\$4125.00~~ 6,915.00.

Section 2. The Board of Supervisors hereby adds an Article 2, Planning Commission Member, to Chapter 30, Compensation, of Part 1, Administrative Ordinances, which will be enacted and adopted as follows:

§ 30-4 Compensation established.

Each Member of the Palmer Township Planning Commission that is not an elected or appointed officer or employee of Palmer Township shall receive compensation for each meeting in which the Member is in attendance.

§ 30-5 Amount of Compensation.

Each Member shall receive one hundred dollars (\$100) for every regular meeting of the Palmer Township Planning Commission and fifty dollars (\$50) for every work session.

§ 30-6 Quarterly Installments.

Such compensation to each Member shall be paid in quarterly installments.

Section 3. The Board of Supervisors hereby adds an Article 3, Zoning Hearing Board Member, to Chapter 30, Compensation, of Part 1, Administrative Ordinances, which will be enacted and adopted as follows:

§ 30-7 Compensation established.

Each Member of the Palmer Township Zoning Hearing Board shall receive compensation for each meeting in which the Member is in attendance.

§ 30-8 Amount of Compensation.

Each Member shall receive one hundred dollars (\$100) for every meeting of the Palmer Township Zoning Hearing Board and fifty dollars (\$50) in the event a work session or deliberation session is necessary.

§ 30-9 Quarterly Installments.

Such compensation to each Member shall be paid in quarterly installments.

Section 4. The Board of Supervisors hereby adds an Article 4, Stormwater Authority Member, to Chapter 30, Compensation, of Part 1, Administrative Ordinances, which will be enacted and adopted as follows:

§ 30-10 Compensation established.

Each Member of the Palmer Township Stormwater Authority shall receive compensation for each meeting in which the Member is in attendance.

§ 30-11 Amount of Compensation.

Each Member shall receive one hundred dollars (\$100) for every regular meeting of the Palmer Township Stormwater Authority and fifty dollars (\$50) for every work session.

§ 30-12 Quarterly Installments.

Such compensation to each Member shall be paid in quarterly installments.

Section 5. Repealer.

All ordinances, resolution, or parts of ordinances or resolutions which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 6. Severability.

If any sentence, clause, section or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or part of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Board that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herein.

Section 7. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after enactment. The increased compensation provided for herein shall become effective for the seat which each elected or appointed official holds is next set for reappointment or reelection. Any sitting members of said Boards or Commissions shall not be entitled to increased compensation until such time as their seat is subject to reappointment or reelection.

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ENACTED AND ORDAINED into an Ordinance this day of , A.D., 2025,
by the Board of Supervisors of Palmer Township in lawful session duly assembled.

PALMER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Michael Brett, Chair

Jeffrey Young, Vice Chair

K. Michael Mitchell, Board Member

Joseph Armato, Board Member

Charles E. Bellis III, Board Member