

ADMINISTRATION

ORDINANCE NO. 15045

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 77 - 2012

NOVEMBER 7, 2012

AN ORDINANCE

To adjust the taxes for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2013.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That a tax for general revenue be levied for the fiscal year, beginning the first Monday of January, A.D., 2013, upon all real, personal and mixed property within the limits of the said City, taxable according to the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, the valuation of such property to be taken from the assessed valuation of the taxable property under the provisions of the law regulating the same, at the rate of Three and Forty-nine Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-seven Hundred Thousandth (3.49267) mills on improvements and Eighteen and Four Sixty-two Thousand Thirty-one Hundred Thousandth (18.46231) mills on land.

SECTION TWO: That all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION THREE: That this Ordinance takes effect January 1, 2013.

Amendment: SECTION ONE: That a tax for general revenue be levied for the fiscal year, beginning the first Monday of January, A.D., 2013, upon all real, personal and mixed property within the limits of the said City, taxable according to the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, the valuation of such property to be taken from the assessed valuation of the taxable property under the provisions of the law regulating the same, at the rate of Three and Forty-nine Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-seven Hundred Thousandth (3.49267) mills on improvements and Eighteen and Four Sixty-two Thousand Thirty-one Hundred Thousandth (18.46231) mills on land.

Amendment Passed, 7 - 0

	Yea	Nay
Joe Davis	X	
Jeanette Eichenwald	X	
Jeff Glazier	X	
Cynthia Y. Mota	X	
Ray O'Connell, VP	X	
Peter G. Schweyer	X	
Julio A. Guridy, Pres.	X	
TOTAL	7	0

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by City Council on December 5, 2012 and signed by the Mayor on December 6, 2012.



CITY CLERK

LEGISLATIVE TEMPLATE

- **What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?**

Finance

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

Lehigh County has assessed the market value at 100 percent and not as previously assessed at 50 percent. Therefore the City must review the millage for the real estate tax.

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish**
 - **What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this**
 - **How does this Bill related to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities**

The Bill sets the real estate millage for Land at 18.46231 and Building 3.49267 in accordance with the new County re-assessments. With this reassessment change, the ratio of the land tax to the building tax rate will now be 5.286. The County provided the City with the rates necessary to achieve the necessary tax millage which will remain revenue neutral. The request before you is to implement the re-assessment and accept the revised rates. Please see attached memorandum from the County.

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
 - **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

The financial impact to the City from the reassessments and the revised millages are revenue neutral, as stated in the aforementioned memorandum from the County Assessment Office.

- **Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **If transferring funds, please make sure bill gives specific accounts; if appropriating funds from a grant list the agency awarding the grant.**

N/A

- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

December 1, 2013

- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**

In order to comply with the County-led reassessment for the 2013 tax year, City Council needs to take action on this bill.

- **Committee Action**
- **Public Comments**