

Ordinance No 6-2003

AN ORDINANCE OF LOWER OXFORD TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING A REFERENDUM QUESTION TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT FOR NOVEMBER, 2003 CONCERNING AN INCREASE IN THE EARNED INCOME TAX FOR PURPOSES OF SECURING AN OPEN SPACE BENEFIT OR BENEFITS

Be it enacted and ordained by the Board of Supervisors of Lower Oxford Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, under the authority of the Act of January 19, 1968, (P.L. 992) as amended entitled "An Act authorizing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and its local government units thereof to preserve, acquire or hold land for open spaces" and further by authority under the Local Tax Enabling Act of December 31, 1965 No. 511 as amended as follows:

Section 1 – Background

The Board of Supervisors of Lower Oxford Township by virtue of the authority granted in the Local Tax Enabling Act and the Act authorizing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and its local government units to preserve, acquire or hold land for open space uses specifically at § 5007.1 Local Taxing Options, gives the authority for the placing on the ballot, by means of the adoption of an ordinance, a referendum question concerning an increase in the earned income tax rate for purposes of acquiring interests in open space.

NOW THEREFORE, after an advertised public hearing on the question and having received public comment, the Board of Supervisors hereby determines that the following referendum question shall be placed on the ballot for the November, 2003 election:

Do you favor the imposition of an increase in the earned income tax in the amount of one half (1/2) of one percent (1%) (.005) by Lower Oxford Township to be used to retire the indebtedness incurred in purchasing interests in real property or in making additional acquisitions of real property for the purpose of securing an open space benefit or benefits under the provisions of this act (the Act of January 19, 1969 (P.L. 1992)

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known as "An Act authorizing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and its local government units to preserve, acquire or hold land for open space uses."

The Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Chester County Board of Elections to place the above-referenced question on the ballot at the November 3, 2003 election for the registered voters of Lower Oxford to consider. The Board of Elections is further directed that the question should be submitted to the voters in the same manner as other questions are submitted under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Election Code.

ENACTED and ORDAINED this 16th day of July 2003.

LOWER OXFORD TOWNSHIP

Attest:

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Ruth W. Libby, Secretary

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