

# CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT, PA

## FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL No. 1663-16

SESSION OF 2016

Approved on first reading

This day 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2016

Members of City Council:

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MIELE, KATZ, NOVIELLO, HENDERSON

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### AN ORDINANCE

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#### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 353 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES (THE LOCAL ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION TAX ASSISTANCE ORDINANCE)

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT** as follows:

**SECTION 1. ARTICLE 353.01 - DEFINITIONS IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

As used in this Article, the following words and phrases shall have the meaning set forth below:

- (a) "Deteriorated property (commercial)" means any industrial, commercial or other business related property owned by an individual, association or corporation, and located in designated LERTA zone #1, which is bounded by Campbell St. on the west, Little League Blvd. on the south, Hepburn St. on the east and bounded on the north by High St. at Hepburn St. to Cherry St. to Rural Ave. to Locust St. to Brandon Ave. to the place of beginning; LERTA zone #2, which is bounded by Catherine St. on the east, Route Interstate 180 on the south, Market St. on the west, and the former Lumber Branch Railroad to Railway St. to Washington Blvd. to Catherine St., the place of beginning, on the north; and LERTA zone #3, which is bounded by Rose St. on the west, Interstate 180 on the south, Maynard St. on the east and SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority Mainline Railroad on the north, the place of beginning.

**SECTION 2. ARTICLE 353.04 - RETAINED EXEMPTION IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

Seven Year Schedule

<u>Length (Year)</u>	<u>Portion (%)</u>
First	100
Second	100
Third	75
Fourth	75
Fifth	50
Sixth	50
Seventh	25

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After the seventh year the exemption shall terminate.

**SECTION 3. ARTICLE 353.05 – NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

- (c) Within 90 days after receipt of the occupancy permit, the taxpayer shall make formal application for an exemption to the Bureau of Code Enforcement of the City of Williamsport or any successor agency thereto. This formal application shall be considered an initial request. The property owner shall pay an application fee of \$500.00 to defray the administrative costs of the program.

**SECTION 4. ARTICLE 353.07 – TERMINATION IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

Unless otherwise repealed by Council, this Article shall terminate on December 31, 2018. No later than October 1 annually, the Mayor shall submit a written report to Council, which shall inform the Council as to how this Article has been administered, the effects of this Article on the community and include any suggestions or recommendations for this Article's reenactment, modification or repeal. Nothing contained herein shall act to prohibit Council from enacting a similar ordinance after December 31, 2018. Any property tax exemptions granted under the provisions of this Article shall be permitted to continue according to the exemption schedule found in Article 353.03 even if this Article expires or is repealed.

**SECTION 5. ARTICLE 353.10 – CONTINGENCY IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Article, this Article shall remain full force and effect conditioned upon the School District of the City of Williamsport and the County of Lycoming enacting similar ordinances or resolutions with identical deteriorated areas as those designated by the Council of the City of Williamsport no later than December 31, 2016. Should the School District of the City of Williamsport and/or the County of Lycoming fail to enact such legislation by December 31, 2016, this Article shall be considered to have been repealed on December 31, 2016.

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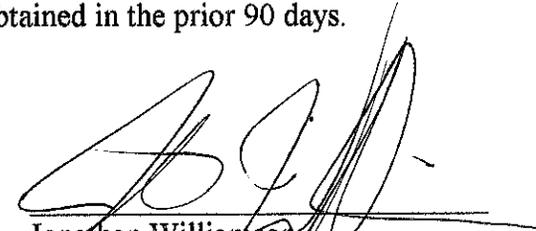
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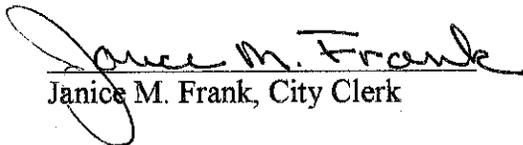
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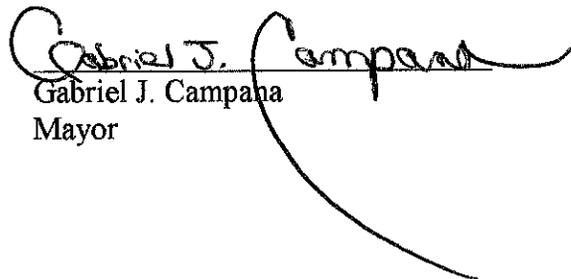
**SECTION 6. ARTICLE 353.12 – EFFECTIVE DATE IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

This Article shall become effective 20 days after final enactment and remain in effect thereafter from year to year unless repealed, until December 31, 2018, and shall apply to all applications for the exemption sought for buildings or alterations for which an occupancy permit has been obtained in the prior 90 days.

  
Jonathan Williamson  
City Council President

ATTEST:

  
Janice M. Frank, City Clerk

  
Gabriel J. Campaha  
Mayor