

CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT, PA

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL No. 1826-23

SESSION OF 2023

Approved on first reading

This day 22 of June 2023

Members of City Council:

YODER, KATZ, ALLISON, MIELE
MACKEY, PULIZZI, BEITER

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This day 20th of July 2023

AN ORDINANCE 6459

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 one of the following federally designated Opportunity Zones:

LERTA Zone #1, identified in the City of Williamsport 2010 Census as Census Tract 9, which is bounded by the western most boundary of the City of Williamsport on the west, Trenton Ave. to Wayne Ave. to West Fourth St. on the north, Lycoming Creek on the east and the Susquehanna River on the south to the point of beginning;

LERTA Zone #2, which is identified in the City of Williamsport 2010 Census as Census Tract 4, which is bounded by Maynard St. to West Fourth St. to Third Ave. on the west, Rural Ave. on the north, Hepburn St. to Edwin St. to Elmira St. on the east and West Third St. on the south to the point of beginning;
EXCEPTING therefrom the following area: beginning at the corner of Rose Street and Vine Avenue south to the MH Zoning District, east along the MH Zoning District to Park Street, north along Park Street to First Street; east to Maynard Street, north on Maynard Street to Third Street, west on Third Street to Park Street, north on Park Street to Vine Avenue, west on Vine Avenue to Rose Street the point of beginning.

LERTA Zone # 2 shall include the east side of Maynard Street from First Street south to Route 180.

LERTA Zone #3, identified in the City of Williamsport 2010 Census as Census Tract 6, which is bounded by Hepburn St. to West Third St. to Elmira St. to Edwin St. to Hepburn St. to Little League Blvd. to Mulberry St. to East Fourth St. to Penn St. on the west, Sheridan St. on the north, Catherine St. on the east, and by the Susquehanna River to Market St. to Route Interstate 180 on the south to the point of beginning.

SECTION 2. Article 353.03 EXEMPTION SCHEDULE IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS;

Length	Portion (%)
Year 1-2	100%
Year 3-4	75 %
Year 5-6	50%
Year 7	25%

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Thereafter the exemption terminates

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

Ten Year Schedule

<u>Length 2023</u>	<u>Portion (%)</u>
First Year	100%
Second Year	90%
Third Year	80%
Fourth Year	70%
Fifth Year	60%
Sixth Year	50%
Seventh Year	40%
Eighth Year	30%
Ninth Year	20%
Tenth Year	10%

After the tenth year the exemption shall terminate.

SECTION 3. ARTICLE 353.07 — TERMINATION IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Unless otherwise repealed by Council, this Article shall terminate on December 31, 2023. 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, 2022. Any suggestions or recommendations for this article's reenactment, modification or repeal.

SECTION 4. ARTICLE 353.10 CONTINGENCY IS HEREBY AMENDED to amend the dates 12-31-2018 to read 12-31-2023.

SECTION 5. ARTICLE 353 is hereby amended to add: SAVINGS PROVISION: Except as provided in this Ordinance, the remaining provisions of Article 353 shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. ARTICLE 353.12 EFFECTIVE DATE IS HEREBY AMENDED to amend the date from 12-31-2022 to 12-31-2022.

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SECTION 6. REPEALER

Except as provided in this ordinance, the remaining provisions of Article 355 shall remain in full force and effect.

Bank Naughton Mayor

ALC Council President
Jane M. Fran City Clerk