

WILMERDING BOROUGH
ORDINANCE NO. 1013

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PROCESS FOR ENFORCING DISTRAINTS TO ENABLE THE BOROUGH TO COLLECT REAL ESTATE TAXES; ESTABLISHING A CIVIL PENALTY FOR TENANTS IN POSSESSION WHO REFUSE TO COMPLY WITH A DISTRAINT NOTICE; EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Wilmerding Borough has experienced difficulties in collecting real estate taxes from rental properties; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority of the Act of May 25, 1945, P. L. 1050, §19; 72 P.S. §5511.19, a municipality is authorized to collect rent from a tenant in possession of real property where the land owner has failed to pay real estate taxes; and

WHEREAS, enforcement is authorized by the Tax Collector; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to ordain civil penalties for those tenants who refuse to comply with a notice of distraint; and

WHEREAS, Borough Council has determined that this Ordinance is in the best interests and welfare of the residents of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is authorized by the Borough Code and the Pennsylvania statute cited above.