

I am concerned about implementation of new taxes outside of this new tax cap. I am also concerned about raising the rate of taxation for existing taxes outside this tax cap. I am proposing an amendment that, unless approved by the voters, any new tax or the increase in the rate of taxation of an existing tax will result in a lower cap. In essence, strengthening the cap and the control over future revenue growth by the Borough. Since the ordinance currently only addresses property taxes, this amendment would apply to potential new taxes such as things such as gravel tax, timber tax, refined fuel tax, plastic bag tax, etc. It would also apply if the rates of any other existing taxes are changed without voter approval such as tobacco tax, motor vehicle tax, marijuana tax, and bed tax.

For example, if the value of an areawide mill is \$9.2 million and tobacco tax rate were raised by the Assembly to gain an additional \$2.3 million, then the areawide tax cap would need to be lowered by 0.25 mills.

Therefore, I move to amend Ordinance Serial No. 18-015 to insert a new section to insert a new section (E) to read as follows:

(E) Unless approved by voters, any new areawide or non-areawide tax or increase in the rate of an existing tax not addressed in sections (A) through (D) above shall result in a proportional reduction in the maximum mill rate based upon the then existing value of a mill.

I also move to amend Informational Memorandum No. 18-031 to attach this written amendment so that the intent of the amendment is part of the record.