

**EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION 2020-11

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS OF EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

WHEREAS, A widespread outbreak of Corona Virus (CoVID-19) has occurred affecting the residents of East Coventry Township; causing severe suffering and hardship to persons of East Coventry Township and overwhelming first responders, healthcare providers, local government and businesses within East Coventry Township and necessitating the issuance of a Disaster Declarations on the State, County and Local levels; and

WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Local Tax Collection Law (72 P.S. § 5511.1 et seq.) grants to municipalities such as East Coventry Township the authority to establish the rates of taxes and penalties on Real Estate taxes, including providing for the two (2) percent discount for those making payment of the whole amount thereof within two months after the date of the tax notice.; and

WHEREAS, 72 P.S. § 5511.13 requires that Tax Collectors hold open, in-person office hours in the period leading up the end of the discount period; and

WHEREAS, Given the Stay-at-Home orders issued by the Governor, compliance with 72 P.S. § 5511.13 is both impractical and contrary to public health and may constitute an additional financial burden on Township residents; and

WHEREAS, East Coventry Township has imposed a per capita tax at the rate of \$10 pursuant to Section 23 – 103 of the Code of Ordinances of East Coventry Township under the authority of the Local Tax Enabling Act, P.L. 1257, No. 511, December 31, 1965, 53 P.S. Sections 6901 et seq. (1982); and

WHEREAS, the East Coventry Township Tax Collector is charged with the collection of the per capita tax pursuant to Section 23 – 104 of the Code of Ordinances of East Coventry Township; and

WHEREAS, the East Coventry Township Board of Supervisors wish to retroactively move the date of the issued tax notices in order to comport with the requirements of 72 P.S. § 5511.10; and

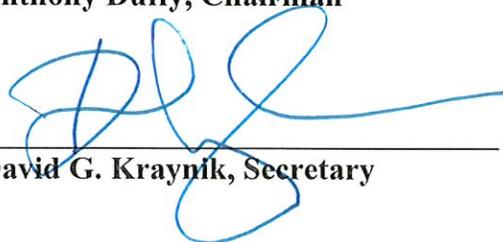
WHEREAS, the East Coventry Township Board of Supervisors recognizes the need for moving the Real Estate Tax discount period due date, face amount due date and per capita tax due date under these extreme circumstances;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED this 13th day of April, 2020 that, for the purposes of 72 P.S. § 5511.10 of the Local Tax Collection Law, the Board of Supervisors of East Coventry Township hereby establishes that the date of issued Real Estate Tax notices for 2020 is now April 1, 2020, with the discount period closing as of May 31, 2020 [two months after issuance date] with the face amount and per capita tax due on July 31, 2020; thereafter, applicable penalties shall apply.

**The Board of Supervisors of
East Coventry Township**

By: 

Anthony Duffy, Chairman

Attest: 

David G. Kraynik, Secretary