

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND  
AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 2001-02

AN ORDINANCE OF SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2001-02  
DATED AND ENACTED ON DECEMBER 26, 2001.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, and it is hereby ordained and enacted  
by the Commissioners of Susquehanna County, Commonwealth of  
Pennsylvania:

An amendment to Ordinance No. 2001-02 as follows:

Section 4 - Fee Increases - The fees charged by the Recorder of  
Deeds in and for Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, for recording  
deeds and mortgages as established by the statutes of the  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, shall be increased by twelve  
dollars (\$12.00) to total thirteen dollars (\$13.00) permitted by  
the Optional County Affordable Housing Funds Act, 1992, Dec. 14,  
P.L. 866 No. 137 (35 P.S. Sec. 1690.1 et seq.) as amended from  
time to time.

All other parts of said ordinance remain in full force and  
effect.

This ordinance become effective on March 1, 2004.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2004.

Susquehanna County Commissioners

Roberta Kelly  
Roberta Kelly, Chairman

Jeffrey Loomis  
Jeffrey Loomis, Vice Chairman

Mary Ann Warren  
Mary Ann Warren, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Suzanne Brainard  
Suzanne Brainard,  
Chief Clerk



SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2001 - 02

AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE RECORDING FEES OF DEEDS AND MORTGAGES TO SUPPORT AND/OR ENHANCE THE SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY AFFORDABLE HOUSING EFFORTS.

It is hereby Ordained and Enacted by the Board of Commissioners of Susquehanna County, as provided by Act No. 137 of 1992 of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as follows:

Section 1 - Short Title

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND ORDINANCE.

Section 2 - Purpose

The County Commissioners of Susquehanna County intend to raise revenues to enable County residents to purchase and/or inhabit quality residential housing.

Section 3 - Definitions

The following words and phrases when used in this Ordinance shall have the meaning given to them in this Section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Affordable Housing Effort" - Any program or project approved by the Susquehanna County Commissioners which increases the availability of quality housing to Susquehanna County residents whose annual income is less than the median income of Susquehanna County, as established by the U.S. Census.

"County" - Susquehanna County.

Section 4 - Fee Increases

The fees charged by the Recorder of Deeds in and for Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, for recording deeds and mortgages as established by the statutes of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, shall be increased by one dollar (\$1.00)



permitted by the Optional County Affordable Housing Funds Act, 1992, Dec. 14, P.L. 866 No. 137 (35 P.S. Sec. 1690.1 et seq.) as amended from time to time.

#### Section 5 - Disposition of Proceeds

All additional monies raised under Section 4 above shall be deposited in the County General Fund and shall be allocated as follows:

- A. At least 85% of the additional revenue shall be set aside in a separate account to be used to fund affordable housing efforts in the County, to be known as the "Susquehanna County Affordable Housing Fund".
- B. Up to 15% of the additional revenue may be used by the County for administrative costs associated with the "affordable housing efforts".

#### Section 6 - Affordable Housing Efforts

Affordable housing efforts may include, but shall not be limited to:

- A. providing local matching funds to secure National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 HOME funds, Department of Community and Economic Development funds, and/or federal or state funding;
- B. assisting or supporting housing efforts by the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency and by commercial banks and thrift institutions;
- C. supporting disaster relief efforts; or
- D. addressing emergency repair and rehabilitation situations, environmental remediation, or removal of architectural barriers for very low income households.

#### Section 7 - Appointment of Administrative Agency

The Commissioners shall by resolution appoint an agency to administer the Susquehanna County Affordable Housing Fund. The appointed agency shall conduct public hearings concerning the utilization of funds, review of proposals, and make recommendations to the Commissioners, and draft program guidelines to be approved by the Commissioners.



Section 8 - Repealer

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 9 - Severability


If any sentence, clause, section, or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality, or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections, or parts of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Susquehanna County Commissioners that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid sentence, clause, section, or part thereof not been included herein.

Section 10 - Effective Date


This Ordinance shall take effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2002, and shall continue from that day forward unless any of the provisions of this Ordinance are modified or rescinded by the Commissioners as allowed by law.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 26<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2001.

Susquehanna County Commissioners

  
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Gary Marcho, Chairman

  
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Lee Smith, Vice Chairman

  
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R. Calvin Dean, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
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Suzanne Brainard

Chief Clerk

