

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG,
ADAMS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 1,
PART 8 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF
GETTYSBURG TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
FINANCIAL POLICIES OF THE BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG AND
TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF CERTAIN FUNDS OF THE
BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG.**

WHEREAS, the Borough Code (8 Pa. C.S. § 101 et seq., as amended) contains requirements relative to the adoption of a budget for the annual estimate of revenues and expenditures for the ensuing year and the levying of certain taxes, along with a mandate to practice sound fiscal judgment and the authority to create certain reserve funds; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of formalized financial policies is recommended by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States as well as the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting as a means to assist elected officials in framing resource allocation decisions; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of such formalized financial policies is a favorable practice within the public finance sector upon review of the financial condition of the Borough of Gettysburg by the major bond and financial rating bureaus and services as well as the examination of the accounting records of the Borough of Gettysburg by its independent auditor; and

WHEREAS, in order to promote the future financial health and sustainability of the Borough of Gettysburg and to foster the efficient and effective provision of public services, it is in the best interests of the Borough of Gettysburg to establish from time to time financial policies which serve as guidelines in the management of the fiscal affairs of the Borough of Gettysburg; and

WHEREAS, the creation of certain special funds of the Borough of Gettysburg is necessary and prudent for the purposes of establishing and maintaining a fund balance consistent with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Borough Council of the Borough of Gettysburg hereby enacts, adopts, and ordains the following:

SECTION 1: Chapter 1, Part 8 of the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Gettysburg is hereby amended to add the following provisions:



“§1-802. Establishment of Financial Policies.

Financial policies may be established and revised from time to time by resolution adopted by the Borough Council for the purpose of setting forth guidelines for the management of the fiscal affairs of the Borough of Gettysburg to include, but not limited to, financial policies relative to the general fund balance, nonrecurring revenues, the funding of capital expenditures and the annual budget process.

§1-803. Creation of Funds to Establish and Maintain a Fund Balance.

Consistent with the establishment and implementation of financial policies of the Borough of Gettysburg, the following new funds shall be created in order to establish and maintain a fund balance:

Capital Projects Bond Fund - a restricted fund of the Borough of Gettysburg to be used to account for monies in the issuance of municipal bonds to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities.

Debt Service Fund - a partially restricted fund of the Borough of Gettysburg used to account for monies accumulated for the payment of principal and interest on bonds issued, loans and other forms of indebtedness incurred by the Borough of Gettysburg.

Revolving Loan Fund - a restricted fund of the Borough of Gettysburg used to account for revenues generated by municipal activities of the Borough of Gettysburg financed primarily by such activities.

SECTION 2: All remaining provisions of Chapter 1, Part 8 of the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Gettysburg shall remain in full force and effect unless otherwise repealed by any other ordinance. All other ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3: The provisions of this ordinance are severable, and if any section, clause, part or provision hereof shall be held to be illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision of the court shall not affect or impair the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, parts or provisions of this ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Borough Council that this ordinance would have been enacted

if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional section, sentence, clause, part or provision had not been included herein.

SECTION 4: This ordinance shall become effective upon enactment.

THIS ORDINANCE DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED according to law on this 8th day of December, 2014, at a duly advertised general monthly business meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Gettysburg.

BOROUGH OF GETTYSBURG

By: _____
Michael J. Birkner
President of Borough Council

Attest:

Sara L. Stull, Secretary

APPROVED this ____ day of December, 2014.

William E. Troxell, Mayor