BOROUGH OF OAKLAND ORDINANCE NO. 21-CODE-851

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 2 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION", SECTION 11, "FEES FOR MUNICIPAL AND PUBLIC RECORDS", SUBSECTION 3, "SERVICES OF TAX COLLECTOR" TO ADD A NEW SECTION 2-11.3C.

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Mayor and Council that the Office of the Tax Collector receives many repeat requests for tax lien redemptions throughout the year without any seeming intent to actually redeem the liens; and

WHEREAS, the requests for tax lien redemptions cause a disruption in the normal services offered to the citizens of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that it would be in the best interest of the citizens of the Borough of Oakland to amend the Ordinance to include an additional fee for repeated requests for tax lien redemption amounts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland as follows:

SECTION I

- A. Chapter 2, Section 11.3 Services of Tax Collector.
 - 2-11.3 Services of Tax Collector

The Collector of Taxes and Water Accounts shall charge:

- a. For the issuance of any duplicate water bill, the sum of \$2 for each duplicate bill.
- b. For the preparation of duplicate tax bills:
 - 1. \$5 for a first duplicate copy.

- 2. \$25 for each additional duplicate copy which may be requested in the same tax year.
- 3. The above set forth fees to be charged may, at the discretion of the Tax Collector, be assessed to a mortgagee, servicing organization, or property tax processing organization as such terms are defined in P.L. 1990 Chapter 69, and upon request for said duplicate tax bill made in writing to the Tax Collector.
- c. All parties entitled to redeem a tax lien certificate may request, in writing, up to two (2) redemption calculations in a calendar year per lien at no cost. Thereafter, a fee of \$50 will be charged for each subsequent calculation requested of the Tax Collector.
- d. If a tax sale certificate is lost or destroyed, the Tax Collector may issue a duplicate certificate of tax sale in place of the one which has been destroyed or lost, provided that the governing body has authorized the issuance of a duplicate certificate by resolution. A fee of \$100 will be charged for any duplicate certificate of tax sale.

SECTION II

All other parts, portions and provisions of Chapter 2 of the Code of the Borough of Oakland are hereby ratified and confirmed, except in the event of an inconsistency with the foregoing. In the event of any such inconsistency, the terms and provisions of Section 11 hereof shall be deemed to govern.

SECTION III

Should any part, portion or provision of this Ordinance be held unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole, or any other part thereof.

SECTION IV

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication and final passage according to law.

ATTEST:

Lisa M. Duncan, Borough Clerk

This is to certify that this is a true copy as adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland at a meeting

Borough Clerk