

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 91 – 2025

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OCTOBER 15, 2025

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AN ORDINANCE

An Ordinance of the City of Allentown, County of Lehigh and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Section 807, Revenue, of the Home Rule Charter to remove the “Deed Transfer Tax” language.

WHEREAS, on July 24, 2024, City Council passed Ordinance 16037 authorizing the Lehigh County Board of Elections to place a question on the November 5, 2024 ballot for the Allentown electorate that would amend the Home Rule Charter, Section 807, Revenue, to delete the Deed Transfer Tax from Section 807 (B).

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance 16037, the ballot question was written as:

Shall Section 807(B), Revenue, of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Allentown be amended to allow City Council, by Ordinance, to remove the Deed Transfer Tax? The Section would read as follows:

SECTION 807 REVENUE

B. Council shall not raise the rates of ~~the Deed Transfer~~, Earned Income, Business Privilege, Occupational Privilege, Amusement Devices and Resident Taxes above their respective 1996 levels.

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2024, the Allentown electorate voted “Yes” on Allentown Ordinance 16037.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE:

Section 807, Revenue, of the Home Rule Charter shall read:

SECTION 807 REVENUE

B. Council shall not raise the rates of the Earned Income, Business Privilege, Occupational Privilege, Amusement Devices and Resident Taxes above their 1996 levels.

SECTION TWO: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

SECTION THREE: That this Ordinance take effect ten (10) days after final passage.