

**COUNTY OF LEHIGH, PENNSYLVANIA
COMMISSIONERS BILL 2015-25
SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER DOUGHERTY
REQUESTED DATE: JULY 29, 2015
ORDINANCE NO. 2015 -**

**APPROVING AN EXEMPTION FROM REAL ESTATE TAXES FOR
PHILLIP A. TRUMP**

WHEREAS, the County of Lehigh has many residents who served our Country in its military service; and

WHEREAS, Phillip A. Trump is a Vietnam veteran who was determined to be "partially disabled" in 2009, and then 100% "permanently disabled" in 2012, after which determination he then applied for a real estate tax exemption which was implemented by Lehigh County for the 2013 tax year; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, Mr. Trump applied to the Department of Veterans Affairs to have the effective date of his total disability changed to 2009; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Trump was granted his request for 100% disability effective October 1, 2009, and now requests that he be given a refund for real estate taxes for 2010, 2011, and 2012; and

WHEREAS, from 2010 to 2012 the amount of real estate taxes paid by Mr. Trump to the County of Lehigh was \$2,509.87; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 51 Pa. C.S. §8902 and 43 Pa. Code §5.25(b), the County of Lehigh desires to honor the request of Mr. Trump regarding a refund of his County real estate taxes from 2010 to 2012; and

WHEREAS, the time period for which Mr. Trump will be considered for

exemption on all County real estate tax is the 2010 tax year and forward; and

WHEREAS, the exemption will be based on the assessed value of his home and the millage in effect for each tax.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LEHIGH, PENNSYLVANIA, THAT:

1. The foregoing Whereas clauses are incorporated herein as if set forth in their entirety.
2. The real estate tax exemption as described herein is hereby approved for tax years 2010 through 2012.
3. The County shall refund to Phillip A. Trump the sum of \$2,509.87 for County real estate taxes paid for the tax years 2010 through 2012.
4. The proper officers and other personnel of Lehigh County are hereby authorized and empowered to take all such further action, including any necessary transfers of funds, and execute additional documents as they may deem appropriate to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.
5. The County Executive shall distribute copies of this Ordinance to the proper officers and other personnel of Lehigh County whose further action is required to achieve the purpose of this Ordinance.
6. Any Ordinance or part of any Ordinance conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this Ordinance.
7. This Ordinance shall become effective in ten (10) days after enactment.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2015 by the

following vote:

Commissioners

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NAY

Geoff Brace
Thomas C. Creighton, III
Percy H. Dougherty
Amanda Holt
David S. Jones, Sr.
Vic Mazziotti
Brad Osborne
Lisa Scheller
Michael Schware

ATTEST: _____
CLERK TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2015.

Thomas S. Muller
County Executive

ENACTED this _____ day of _____, 2015.