

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL - EASTON, PA

Ordinance No. 570

SESSION 2013

Bill No. 639

Introduced by Scott Parsons and Barbara A. Thierry on June 6, 2013

Enacted June 21, 2013

Effective July 21, 2013

Title:

AN ORDINANCE OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL, AMENDING NORTHAMPTON COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 159-1989, ENTITLED THE "NORTHAMPTON COUNTY UNIFORM PARCEL IDENTIFIER ORDINANCE," AS FURTHER AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 240-1994, ORDINANCE NO. 360-2000 AND ORDINANCE NO. 529-2010, BY REQUIRING THAT THE UNIFORM PARCEL IDENTIFIER ON THE TAX MAP MAINTAINED FOR THE ASSESSMENT OFFICE BE CERTIFIED AS TRUE AND CORRECT BY THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY (GIS) MAPPING DIVISION, UPON EACH SUBSEQUENT CONVEYANCE; FURTHER THIS ORDINANCE SETS FORTH THE SPECIFIC INFORMATION WHICH MUST BE SUPPLIED TO THE GIS DIVISION IN ORDER TO CONFIRM UNIFORM PARCEL IDENTIFIER CERTIFICATION

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED By the Northampton County Council, that Northampton County Ordinance No. 159-1989, as amended by Ordinance No. 240-1994, Ordinance No. 360-2000 and Ordinance No. 529-2010, is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. Ordinance No. 159-1989 shall be amended by adding the following subsection:

VIII. CERTIFICATION REQUIRED

C. The party desiring to record an instrument shall provide the following information to the GIS Division in order for the GIS Division to certify the correctness of the Uniform Parcel Identifier:

1. The Uniform Parcel Identifier No. must appear at the top of the first page of the document(s) to be recorded, or as an attached exhibit for documents containing multiple parcels;
2. The grantor's name must be the same as the owner's name on the current assessment record;
3. The deed reference on the assessment record must be the same as on the prior deed;
4. The municipality is the same as it appears on the assessment record;

5. A legible, precise address (for each Uniform Parcel Identifier) must be placed on the document identifying the property (not applicable to deeds); and
6. If the conveyance in the proposed transfer represents a change of size and a description of the real estate, the owner shall provide the GIS Department with either a metes and bounds description based on a precise survey or a lot number and references to a recorded subdivision plan, which plan on its face shows metes and bounds, prepared by a professional land surveyor as required by the act of May 23, 1945 (P.L. 913, No. 367), known as the Professional Engineers Registration Law (63 P.S. § 148 et seq.). Any subdivision plan which was prepared prior to the effective date of the aforesaid act and which contains metes and bounds shall be acceptable for compliance with these provisions. This assignment of uniform parcel identifiers shall take place within one day of the presentation of the request for such assignment when accompanied by the survey or such subdivision plan. No metes and bounds description by survey or subdivision plan shall be required for any transfer, mortgage, release or other purpose involving a right-of-way, surface or subsurface easement, oil, gas or mineral lease or other interest, or any subsurface estate.

Section 2. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any provision of this Ordinance, or its application to any person, entity or circumstance, is held invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such determined invalidity shall not affect any other provision or application of this Ordinance.

Section 3. The proper Officers and the personnel of Northampton County are hereby authorized and empowered to take all such further action and execute additional documents as they may deem appropriate to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

Section 4. The County Executive shall distribute copies of this Ordinance to the proper offices and other personnel

of Northampton County whose further action is required to achieve the purpose of this Ordinance.

Section 5. Any ordinance or part of any ordinance conflicting with the provision of this Ordinance is hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this Ordinance.

Section 6. Effective Date: This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after enactment.

This ordinance was advertised on the 9th day of June 2013, and was adopted by the Northampton County Council on the 20th day of June 2013.

ATTEST:

Frank E. Flisser
Clerk to Council

John Cusick
County Council President

John Stoffa
County Executive