

**Borough of Susquehanna Depot
Susquehanna County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania**

Ordinance No. 472

ELIMINATION OF WARD SYSTEM

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SUSQUEHANNA DEPOT, SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ABOLISHING ALL WARDS IN THE BOROUGH, ALLOWING ALL MEMBERS OF BOROUGH COUNCIL TO REMAIN IN OFFICE FOR HIS OR HER FULL ELECTED TERM AND BECOME A MEMBER OF COUNCIL AT LARGE, REPEALING ALL INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES OR PORTIONS THEREOF, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, a two (2) ward election district system currently exists in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Susquehanna Depot has determined that the division of the Borough into two (2) separate wards has become unnecessary and financially burdensome; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Susquehanna Depot, having considered and studied the impact and effects of maintaining and abolishing the ward system, has concluded that abolishing the ward system will be beneficial for the citizens of the Borough;

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough Susquehanna Depot is empowered with the authority to enact ordinances eliminating previously enacted ward systems; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Susquehanna Depot is empowered with the authority to enact ordinances allowing all currently elected members of Council to remain in office for his or her full elected term and become a member of council at large subsequent to the elimination of a previously enacted ward system.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Borough of Susquehanna Depot, Susquehanna County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, hereby enacts and ordains as follows:

Section 1. Definitions

In this Ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

“Borough” shall mean the Borough of Susquehanna Depot.

“Council” shall mean the Council of the Borough of Susquehanna Depot.

“Member of Council” shall mean any person appropriately elected pursuant to the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, holding a position as a member of the Council.

“Ward” shall mean either of the two (2) election districts existing in the Borough.

Section 2. Elimination of Wards

The Council hereby abolishes all Wards within the Borough.

Section 3. Membership

The number of the Members of Council shall not be altered and shall remain at seven (7). Those Members of Council holding office at the time of the enactment of this Ordinance shall continue to hold office until the expiration of their respective terms.

Section 4. Elections

All Members of Council shall be elected at large. At the first municipal election subsequent to the enactment of this Ordinance, the electors of the Borough shall elect three (3) Members of Council. The newly elected Members of Council shall serve for terms of four years from the first Monday of January following the first municipal election.

Section 5. Vacancies in Office

At any time following the effective date of this Ordinance, when a vacancy may occur in the office of a Member of Council originally elected or appointed from a particular ward, the individual appointed to fill the vacancy shall not be required to be a resident of the area formerly comprising the ward, but shall be otherwise qualified for office as provided in 8 Pa. C.S.A. §801.

Section 6. Notice of Elimination of Wards

The Secretary of the Borough is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this Ordinance and all statutorily required notices to the Susquehanna County Board of Elections.

Section 7. Authority

The Council is granted the authority to enact this Ordinance pursuant to 8 Pa. S.C.A. §601(a)(6).

Section 8. Repealer

All Ordinances, or parts thereof, are hereby repealed in so far as they are in conflict with the terms of this Ordinance.

Section 9. Effective date

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 11th day of May, 2016 by the Council of the Borough of Susquehanna Depot, Susquehanna County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in lawful session, duly assembled.

Deborah Zayas, Council Vice-President
Borough of Susquehanna Depot

Honorable Mayor Hurley
Borough of Susquehanna Depot

Attest:

Borough Secretary
Borough of Susquehanna Depot