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**City of McKeesport**

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**AN ORDINANCE**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MCKEESPORT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, FIXING THE NUMBER AND COMPENSATION OF CITY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF MCKEESPORT; LEVYING TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026.**

**SECTION 1.** Be it ordained and enacted by the City of McKeesport, in Council assembled, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same that the number and compensation of the officials and employees for the year 2026 in the various departments of the City of McKeesport, Pennsylvania, be and the same are fixed not to exceed as follows:

**OFFICIALS AND CLERKS**

Mayor .....	\$86,376.38 per annum
7 Members of Council, each.....	\$4,000.00 per annum
1 City Controller.....	\$6,020.00 per annum
1 Administrator.....	\$82,263.50 per annum
1 City Clerk .....	\$55,107.00 per annum
1 Executive Assistant.....	\$64,794.60 per annum
1 Recreation Coordinator .....	\$0*

1 CD Director..... \$82,264.00 per annum

**DEPARTMENT OF LAW**

1 Director Law Department (Retainer) ..... \$149,000.00 per annum

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE**

Finance Director .....\$82,264.00 per annum

1 Payroll ..... \$59,537.00 per annum

1 Part-time Clerk Exempt ..... @\$20.00/hr.

1 Deputy Treasurer ..... \$63,817.00 per annum

2 Front End Clerks ..... \$59,537.00 per annum

\* hourly rate with—not to exceed: union position

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

1 Chief of Police ..... \$129,000.00 per annum

1 Assistant Chief ..... \$100,430.00 per annum

1 Captain of Detectives ..... \$96,585.00 per annum

4 Shift Lieutenants, each ..... \$94,215.00 per annum

0 Lt. Canine Officer .....\$0.00 per annum

0 Narcotics Lieutenant .....\$0.00 per annum

1 Juvenile Sergeant Detective ..... \$92,366.00 per annum

0 Juvenile Lieutenants .....\$0.00 per annum

1 Traffic Inspector (Lt.) ..... \$94,215.00 per annum

3 Detectives..... \$92,366.00 per annum

4 Sergeants, each..... \$90,820.00 per annum

0 Sgt. Canine Officer.....\$0.00 per annum

Care of Canines.....	\$48,124.00
24 Patrolmen, Traffic Officers, Motor Patrolmen, Computer Officer, Wardens.....	13@ \$85,103.00 per annum
	3@ \$76,593.00 per annum
	8@ \$68,083.00 per annum

**Note:** The rates shown for these positions do not include any turn differential.

1 Tag Officer (non-uniformed).....\$23,400.00 per annum

5 Part Time Police, 32 hours per week .....\$28.00 per hour

Police Court Appearances.....\$130,000.00

Longevity .....\$39,500.00

Turn Differential .....\$30,000.00

For Motorcycle Officers, Traffic Officers,

Motor Patrolmen, Sergeants, Wardens Rate 2.....\$0.40/hr.

Buy Back/Sick Pay .... \$250,000.00

#### **SECRETARY, SUPERVISOR, SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS**

1 Secretary to Chief of Police .....\$65,409.00 per annum

1 Confidential Clerk/Detective Bureau .....\$58,763.00 per annum

#### **EDUCATIONAL SERVICE FUND**

7 School Crossing Guards, each .....\$104.67 per day

1 Sub. School Crossing Guard.....\$104.67 per day

1 Head Working Guard.....\$116.80 per day

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

1 Chief of Fire .....\$90,000.00 per annum

1 City Electrician .....\$80,303.00 per annum

4 Deputy Fire Chiefs each W/FF2 .....\$82,234.00 per annum

2 Captains each W/FF2.....\$78,579.00 per annum

2 Captains.....\$78,329.00 per annum

6 Firefighters, each W/FF2.....	\$76,667.00 per annum
2 Firefighters 1 w/FF2 .....	\$72,878.00 per annum
Longevity Pay .....	\$78,766.00 per annum
Buy Back/Sick Pay ....	\$77,000.00
14 Part Time Firefighters with an hourly rate of .....	\$20.89 per hour

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

### GENERAL SERVICES

1 Director of Public Works....	\$82,264.00 per annum
1 Secretary/Public Works .....	\$60,400.00 per annum

### STREETS

1 Working Foreman....	\$69,368.00 per annum
3 Truck Drivers, each .....	\$57,866.00 per annum
10 Full Time Laborers .....	\$55,515.00 per annum
0 Full Time Laborers, each....	\$0.00 per annum
6 Part-time Laborer.....	\$17.57 per hour
1 Part-time Building Manager .....	\$23,400.00 per annum
1 Part-time One Call Inspector .....	\$22.56 per hour

### CITY GARAGE

2 Mechanics ... ..	\$63,960.00 per annum
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### PUBLIC PROPERTY

1 Maintenance/Metal Fabricator.....	\$68,182.00 per annum
1 Janitor .....	\$55,515.00 per annum
1 Laborer .....	\$55,515.00 per annum

### CONSERVATION

1 Ordinance Officer ... ..	\$65,146.00 per annum
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1 Ordinance Officer ...\$55,816.00 per annum

**SECTION 2.** The contents and terms of the collective bargaining agreements negotiated with the various bargaining units of city employees shall control only those items specifically mentioned in the collective bargaining agreements.

**SECTION 3.** In case of emergency, and by order of the Mayor, the directors of the respective departments are authorized and empowered to employ such number of employees at a compensation not to exceed that herein set forth, provided that confirmation by City Council is obtained if the emergency extends beyond seventy-two (72) hours.

**SECTION 4.** The directors having charge of the aforesaid employees may reduce the number of employees whenever the services of the aforesaid employees have become unnecessary, for the purpose of carrying on the work of the City, such action, however, being subject to concurrence of the Mayor. The directors of the departments may in the employment or placing of new and/or inexperienced employees, pay less compensation than the amount fixed by this ordinance, such adjustments shall be concurred in by the Mayor and reported to City Council. All hirings, promotions, layoffs, demotions, either in rank or in pay, and termination of personnel shall be carried out in conformity with the requirements set forth in the City's Personnel Policy and appropriate collective bargaining agreements and the Home Rule Charter of the City of McKeesport, as amended.

**SECTION 5.** Be it ordained and enacted by the City of McKeesport, in Council Assembled, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same that for the purpose of providing sufficient revenue to meet the general expense of the City, to pay maturing bonds and interest upon the bonded indebtedness of the City, and to discharge all other liabilities now due or which may become due during the said year beginning on the first day of January, 2026 taxes shall be and are hereby levied and assessed upon all persons, property and other objects of taxation, as follows:

## **REAL PROPERTY TAX**

- (a). The taxes on the real property for 2026 shall be at the rate of 11.26 Mills (.01126) to the dollar on building valuation and 20.5 Mills (.0205) to the dollar on land valuation, equaling One Dollar and Twelve and 6/10 Cents (1.126) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of County Building Assessment and Two Dollars and Five Cents (\$2.05) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of County Land Assessment.

## **MERCANTILE TAX**

- (a) Upon all wholesale dealers or vendors in goods, wares and merchandise and brokers, factors and commission merchants, a tax of One Half of One Mill (.0005) on each dollar of the volume of the actual gross business transacted by them during the period of January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026 inclusive.
- (b) Upon all retail vendors or dealers in goods, wares, and merchandise, all persons engaged in conducting restaurants or other places where food, drink or refreshments are sold, and all persons conducting places of amusement, a tax at the rate of Three Quarters of a Mill (.00075) on each dollar of the volume of the actual gross business transacted by them during the period of January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 inclusive. Established rate shall be limited to the tax on the first \$12,000,000 only.
- (c) Upon all wholesale and retail vendors or dealers in goods, wares and merchandise, a tax of One Half Mill (.0005) on each dollar of the volume of the actual gross wholesale business transacted by them, and a tax at the rate of Three Quarters of a Mill (.00075) on each dollar of the volume of the actual gross retail business transacted by them during the period of January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 inclusive.

## **DEED TRANSFER TAX**

- (a) Upon all transfers and conveyances of real property by deed, a tax of Two (2.0%) of the value. Of this amount, the McKeesport Area School District receives .5%.

## **SEWER RENTAL FEE**

- (a) Upon all properties and users thereof served or to be served, imposing sewer rentals for the use of the Sanitary Sewer System and Treatment Plant, the rates as set forth by the Municipal Authority of McKeesport (MACM), or their successor, and collected by same.

## **EARNED INCOME TAX**

- (a) A tax for general revenue purpose of one percent (1%) is hereby imposed on (A) all salaries, wages, commissions and other compensation earned on and after January 1, 2026 to and including December 31, 2026 by residents of the City of McKeesport, and on (B) all salaries, wages, commissions and other compensation earned on and after January 1, 2026 to and including December 31, 2026 by non-residents of the City of McKeesport, for work done or services performed or rendered in the City of McKeesport, and on (C) the net profit earned on and after January 1, 2026 to and including December 31, 2026 of businesses, professions or other activities conducted by such resident, and on (D) the net profits earned on and after January 1, 2026 to and including December 31, 2026 of businesses, professions or other activities conducted in the City of McKeesport by non- residents. Of this, .5% is collected for and remitted to the McKeesport Area School District.
- (b) In addition to the one percent (1%) imposed under Act 511, an additional seven-tenths percent (.70%) on all amounts earned in accordance with the provisions of the Home Rule Charter and Act 62 of the Legislature.

## **LOCAL SERVICES TAX, FORMERLY MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICES TAX**

- (a) A tax for general revenue purposes on occupations engaged in by individuals, receiving Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) or more per year from such occupation, for the privilege of engaging in such occupation within the corporate limits of the City of McKeesport, in 2026 at the rate of Fifty-Two Dollars (\$52.00) per year. Of this amount the McKeesport Area School District receives Five Dollars (\$5.00) and the McKeesport Ambulance Rescue Service (MARS) will also receive an amount not to exceed Five Dollars (\$5.00) per LST individual or an amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars per annum whichever is less.

Additionally, the City will provide Twelve Thousand (\$12,000.00) Dollars to underwrite the position of Emergency Management Coordinator.

## **BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAX**

- (a) A tax for general revenue purposes upon the privilege of operating or conducting a business in the City of McKeesport as measured by annual gross receipts therefrom beginning with the tax year 1970 and annually thereafter at the rate of eight (8) mills on each dollar of annual gross receipts (8 mills equals \$8.00 per \$1,000.00 or eight tenths of 1%), all of which is set forth in Bill No. 2446 and/or as amended by Bill No. 2496 shall prevail. Of this amount, McKeesport Area School District receives two (2) mills.

## **LICENSE FEE TAX**

- (a) Providing for levy and collection of a License Fee Tax for general revenue purposes upon certain trades, businesses, occupations, callings, matters and things in the City of McKeesport in accordance with a schedule of license fees as set forth in Ordinance No. 2506, 1972 Series.

## **PARKING TAX**

- (a) Providing for the levy and collection of a Parking Tax for regulatory and general City revenue purposes, as set forth in Ordinance No. 84-1 as amended by Ordinance No. 05-04.

## **MUNICIPAL SERVICE FEE** (Tax Exempt Property Owned by Authorities, Utilities & Non-Profit Organizations)

- (a) Providing for a fee for municipal services on tax exempt property owned by public authorities, public utilities and non-profit organizations, in lieu of a property tax payment, is hereby set at ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE (\$175.00) DOLLARS per annum. Said fee shall be billed to said authorities, utilities and non-profit organizations on or before January 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.
- (b) Individual Residences & Apartment Units Providing for a Municipal Service Fee on each domicile in the amount of Four Hundred (\$400.00) Dollars per annum. Said fee shall be billed quarterly. For all owner/occupied residences owned by a senior citizen (65yr), the rate will be Three Hundred Twenty (\$320.00) Dollars per annum, billed quarterly. *(Proof of ownership and age shall be required to receive the discount.)*

**SECTION 6.** Ordinance 18-00, as amended, is hereby amended and replaced by the following fee schedule for the use of City recreational facilities:



## 943.01 FEE SCHEDULE

Pavilion	Deposit	Fee Allegheny County Resident/Non-Resident
#1	\$125	\$125/\$175
#2	\$125	\$125/\$175
#3	\$125	\$125/\$175
#4	\$125	\$125/\$175
#5	\$125	\$125/\$175
#6	\$125	\$125/\$175
#7 (Lions)	\$125	\$125/\$175
Jacob Woll	\$300	\$500/\$550
Blue Top	\$200	\$250/\$300
Alcohol Permits - \$50.00		

**SECTION 7.** The estimated receipts for the year 2026 are as follows:

### ESTIMATED RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR 2026

(a) 2026 Real Estate Taxes .....	\$4,645,000.00*
(b) Act 511/Local Taxes .....	\$5,125,000*
(c) Licenses & Permits.....	\$368,000*
(d) Fines.....	\$68,000*
(e) Forfeits.....	\$30,000*
(f) Interest/Rents/Royalties...	\$95,700*
(g) Intergovernmental Revenues .....	\$80,000*
(h) Federal Capital & Operating Grant/Federal Shared Revenues .....	\$105,000*
(i) State Capital & Operating Grant .....	\$503,000*
(j) State Grants.....	\$4,000*
(k) Local Government Shared Payment .....	\$0*
(l) Local PURTA.....	\$3,614,891*
(m) General Government Earnings....	\$3,839,000*
(n) Public Safety Revenues...	\$78,250*
(o) Sanitation.....	\$0*
(p) Cultural/Recreation.....	\$0*
(q) Miscellaneous Revenue..	\$450,125*
(r) Unfunded Projects Reimbursement .....	\$0*
(s) Contributions Private Sources ...	\$0*
(t) Insurance Claims/Damage Reimbursement.....	\$0*

(u) Other Revenue.....	\$1,686,468*
(v) Sale of Assets.....	\$0*
(w) Operating Transfers.....	\$0*
(x) Reserve.....	\$5,206,977*
(y) Medical Employees.....	\$50,000*
<b>TOTAL ....</b>	<b>\$25,949,411*</b>

**\*Denotes Estimated**

**SECTION 8.** Be it ordained and enacted by the City of McKeesport, in Council Assembled, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same that the revenue of the said City for the fiscal year beginning on the first day of January, 2026 rising from taxes and all other sources, together with any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated is hereby appropriated for the purposes hereinafter set forth.

**SECTION 9.** That the amount of money appropriated for all purposes and name by which said appropriations shall be designated, are as follows:

#### **ESTIMATED APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2026**

1. Council.....	\$175,845*
2. Administration/Mayor .....	\$377,279*
3. Finance Department.....	\$1,141,417*
4. Tax Collection .....	\$107,440*
5. Law .....	\$196,500*
6. Other Benefits (MMO).....	\$2,604,127
7. Insurances .....	\$1,903,768*
8. Traffic .....	\$142,295*
9. Acquisition of Property.....	\$0*
10. Public Property/Property Maintenance...	\$2,513,204*
11. Police Department .....	\$6,699,039*
12. Fire Department.. ..	\$2,617,959*
13. Ambulance Rescue .....	\$12,000.00*
14. FEMA Expenditures .....	\$0*
15. Other Public Safety.....	\$114.00*
16. Public Works Administration .....	\$461,300*

17. Sanitation .....	\$1,582,000*
18. Streets .....	\$1,744,306*
19. Garage.....	\$409,119*
20. Traffic/Safety.....	\$566,000*
21. Unfunded Projects 2011 (carry over) .....	\$0*
22. 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Mall LLC.....	\$0*
23. Recreation.....	\$100,200*
24. Marina/Palisades. ....	\$0*
25. Community Activities.....	\$0*
26. Library ....	\$60,000*
27. RAD Performances.....	\$0*
28. Conservation.....	\$13,550*
29. CD Misc. Expenditure ....	\$0*
30. Bond Issue/T.A. Note .....	\$962,596*
31. Intergovernmental Loan.. ....	\$0*
32. Employer Paid Benefits/Withholding.....	\$0*
33. Retiree Benefits .. ....	\$641,937*
34. Miscellaneous .....	\$394,230*
35. Banking Fees .....	\$7,000.00*
36. Community Development.....	\$515,563*
37. Reimb. Benefits.....	\$621.00*
<b>TOTAL ..</b> .....	<b>\$25,949,411*</b>

**\*Denotes Estimated**

**SECTION 10.** Prior to the payment of any funds appropriated herein, the City Controller shall review said payment and certify the correctness of such payment and submit a copy of said certification to the City Clerk, as set forth in Ordinance No. 82-14. No such certification of the Controller shall be required for payroll checks issued on a regular basis to employees of the City of McKeesport.

**SECTION 11.** The City Treasurer is to properly repay all of the accounts payable budgeted herein and also all short-term borrowings as soon as practical after receipt of revenues due the City for 2026.

**SECTION 12.** All Collection or Special Accounts not contained in the General Fund Budget shall be identified by the Administration and submitted to the City Clerk on or before January 1, 2026. All such

accounts shall be reported to City Council and the City Controller at least quarterly and where appropriately approved by City Council.

**SECTION 13.** Any monies not part of the General Fund Budget but received by the City in 2026 as new revenues will be appropriated to reduce existing indebtedness or as approved by City Council.

**SECTION 14.** The Treasurer shall maintain special accounts from time to time of income and expenditures for local, state, federal projects and designated and approved commissions, boards, and agencies.

**SECTION 15.** The City will receive \$556,868.00 in Pennsylvania Liquid Fuel Funds plus interest thereon and is shown in estimated receipts and is scheduled for expenditure as: \$556,868.00.00 for street lighting and other eligible costs; however, the Liquid Fuel Fund shall be an independent account and in no way comingled with City funds except for proper reimbursement to the City's General Fund.

**SECTION 16.** The City Treasurer shall be responsible for the short-term investment of revenues in accordance with acceptable public investment procedures. All interest earned, on any City special accounts shall be transferred periodically to the General Fund of the City and posted to Interest Earnings.

**SECTION 17.** The City of McKeesport's Renziehausen Park has been designated a Regional Asset by the Allegheny Regional Asset District Board which has awarded a ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED AND TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-ONE (\$1,602,491.00) DOLLARS appropriation during fiscal year 2025 for the operation, maintenance and capital improvements related to Renziehausen Park. Said appropriation will be allocated as follows:

- (A) EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE (\$864,491.00) DOLLARS as a reimbursement for operation of Renziehausen Park.
- (B) Capital improvements in the amount of SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND (\$738,000.00) DOLLARS.

**SECTION 18.** Community Development Block Grant Funds through the Federal Government are appropriated through a separate budget approved by City Council. The City utilizes a portion of these funds by contract to reimburse the General Fund for salaries of individuals directly responsible for this operation as follows:

1 CD Director .....\$79,920.00 per annum  
1 CD/Neighborhood Preservation Secretary .....\$61,594.00 per annum  
1 Neighborhood Compliance Officer .....\$63,248.12 per annum  
1 Neighborhood Compliance Officer .....\$54,190.24 per annum  
1 CD Permit Clerk .....\$19,624.80 per annum

**SECTION 19.** The immediate enforcement of this Ordinance is hereby declared urgent and necessary, and said Ordinance shall become effective immediately after final passage by City Council and as provided in the Home Rule Charter.

**SECTION 20.** That so much of any ordinance as may conflict herewith, or be repealed hereby, be and the same is hereby repealed.

ENACTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, A.D., 2025.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk of Council

President of Council

EXAMINED AND APPROVED by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mayor**

EFFECTIVE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY OF MCKEESPORT**