BOROUGH OF MILLERSBURG  
COUNTY OF DAUPHIN  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  

ORDINANCE NO. 2-13  

AN ORDINANCE ELIMINATING THE WARD SYSTEM AND ESTABLISHING PRECINCTS WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS TO BE SELECTED BY AN AT-LARGE SYSTEM  

Whereas, the Borough of Millersburg, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania is a borough organized and operated under the borough code; and  

Whereas, the Millersburg Borough Council consists of six members, equally elected from two wards; and  

Whereas, the Millersburg Borough Council has concluded that the ward system is archaic and serves no legitimate purpose; and  

Whereas, Council has experienced difficulty in filling vacancies due to the ward system; and  

Whereas, the Borough Code allows the council to consolidate two or more wards into one ward by ordinance (Article VI, Section 601); and  

Whereas, the Borough Code requires that any borough that abolishes all wards have a borough council consisting of seven members (Article VIII, Section 816); and  

Whereas, the Millersburg Borough Council does not wish to deprive the ward chairmen of their positions and duties.  

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Council of the Borough of Millersburg, County of Dauphin, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:  

SECTION 1 – WARDS ABOLISHED  

All wards in the Borough of Millersburg are hereby abolished.
SECTION 2 – NUMBER OF COUNCIL MEMBERS SET

The number of Council members is set at seven (7) to be elected at-large by electors of the Borough per Section 816 of the Borough Code.

SECTION 3 – PRECINCTS ESTABLISHED

1. Millersburg Borough is hereby divided into two precincts, known as the “First Precinct” and the “Second Precinct.”

2. The First Precinct is bounded by the exact lines as the former Ward 1 and the Second Precinct is bounded by the exact lines as the former Ward 2.

3. The individuals holding elected offices as Ward Chairmen at the time of the adoption of this ordinance shall assume the equivalent positions in their new precincts.

SECTION 4 – ELECTION SCHEDULE SET

In order to effectuate this change and ensure that Council members’ terms of office remain staggered and to meet all other requirements of Article VIII of the Borough Code, Council members’ seats shall be filled as follows:

2013 Municipal Elections for Terms Beginning the First Monday of January, 2014

At Large  Three (3) Council members to four-year terms
            Three (3) Council members to two-year terms


At Large  Four (4) Council members to four-year terms

2017 Municipal Elections for Terms Beginning the First Monday of January, 2018

At Large  Three (3) Council members to four-year terms

SECTION 5 – EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately.
SECTION 6 – SEVERABILITY

Should any sentence, section, clause, part or provision of this Ordinance be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section or part thereof other than the section or part thereof so declared to be invalid.

SECTION 7 – REPEALER

Any ordinance or section thereof that conflicts with this ordinance is hereby repealed.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED THIS 27th DAY OF February, 2013.

ATTEST: BOROUGH OF MILLERSBURG

[Signatures]

Borough Secretary

President of Council

APPROVED THIS 27th DAY OF February, 2013.

[Signature]

Mayor