RESOLUTION NO. 13-16

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REAL PROPERTY, EARNED INCOME TAX, NET PROFITS, MERCANTILE AND BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAXES WITHIN A SPECIFIC GEOGRAPHIC AREA IN MILLERSBURG BOROUGH, DAUPHIN COUNTY, DESIGNATED AS A PROPOSED KEYSTONE OPPORTUNITY EXPANSION ZONE, IN ORDER TO FOSTER ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES, STIMULATE INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS AND PREVENT PHYSICAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE DETERIORATION WITHIN AREAS OF MILLERSBURG BOROUGH, DAUPHIN COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, UPON CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

WHEREAS, Millersburg Borough, Pennsylvania recognizes the need to encourage investment in a defined geographical area of Dauphin County, bounded as set forth in Attachment A that is experiencing distress characterized by one or more of the following: high unemployment, low investment of new capital, blighted conditions, underutilized, obsolete or abandoned industrial, commercial and residential structures, deteriorated tax base; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Keystone Opportunity Zone Act 63 of 2005, as amended by Act 79 of 2008 (SB 1412) hereinafter referred to as the “Act,” authorizes political subdivisions to apply to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for designation of an area within the respective political subdivision as a Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone granting exemptions, deductions, abatements or credits from all local taxes indentified in the Act.

WHEREAS, approval of benefits provided in the Act will result in improving the economic, physical and social conditions within the proposed new Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone by stimulating existing business employment, creating new employment and diminishing blight; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that increased private and public-sector investors will reverse the disinvestment and conditions of blight within the herein described tract(s) of land by the termination date of the new zone under the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Millersburg Borough, Dauphin County that effective as of 03/15/2012, contingent only upon DCED’s approval of the application for the proposed new Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone, the following provisions shall apply:

1. Real Property Tax on the herein described tract(s) is 100% exempt in accordance with the provisions and limitations hereinafter set forth in accordance with the Act; such exemption to terminate ten years from the date the zone becomes effective.

2. Earned Income and Net Profit Taxes; Business Privilege and Mercantile Taxes. The Borough of Millersburg also waives business gross receipts tax for operations conducted by a qualified business; earned income received by resident and/or net profits of a
qualified business received by a resident or nonresident of the proposed new Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone attributable to business activity conducted within said zone and benefits terminate ten years from the date the zone becomes effective.

3. The provisions of the Act not herein enumerated shall, nevertheless, be incorporated as part of the Resolution by reference.

4. This Resolution shall be effective upon execution, conditioned upon the approval of the application by DCED.

RESOLVED BY the Borough Council of Millersburg, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, this 28th day of August, 2013.

Attest: Millersburg Borough

Secretary By: Council President

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