

MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 1873

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, PURSUANT TO ACT 98 OF 1992 PROVIDING THAT IN CERTAIN FIRE LOSSES THE INSURANCE COMPANY, ASSOCIATION OR EXCHANGE SHALL TRANSFER INSURANCE PROCEEDS TO THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER AS A PORTION OF THE INSURANCE PROCEEDS FOR THE RECOVERY OF DELINQUENT TAXES, ASSESSMENTS, PENALTIES OR USER CHARGES AND TO BE HELD AS SECURITY AGAINST THE TOTAL COST OF REMOVING, REPAIRING, OR SECURING THE DAMAGED BUILDING, PROVIDING FOR FEES, PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION AND SETTING FORTH PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO SUCH INSURANCE PROCEEDS AND TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT 98 OF 1992 IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE.

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has enacted Act 98 of 1992 effective on September 7, 1992, amending the Insurance Company Law of 1921 to provide procedures for the payment of certain fire loss claims; and

WHEREAS, it is the purpose of said legislation to deter the commission of arson and related crimes, to discourage the abandonment of property, and to prevent urban blight and deterioration; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Monroeville desires to adopt an ordinance pursuant to Section 508 of the Insurance Company Law of 1921 to provide for the payment of proceeds from certain fire loss claims to the Municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Municipality of Monroeville as follows:

SECTION 1. The Municipal Manager or such official's designee is hereby appointed as the designated officer who is authorized to carry out all responsibilities and duties stated herein.

SECTION 2. Where any fire loss to a property is in excess of \$5,000 of all policy coverages, the Municipal Manager, upon written request of property owner, shall issue:

1. A certificate, that as of a specified date, there are no delinquent taxes, assessments, penalties or user charges against the property and that no costs have been incurred by the Municipality for repairs or demolition.

When delinquent taxes, assessments, penalties, charges and/or costs are owed, the insurance company must then, prior to paying the

claim to the insured, transfer to the municipality the amount in arrears as shown on the bill from the insurance proceeds.

SECTION 3. No insurance company, association, or exchange (hereinafter the "Insuring Agent") doing business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall pay a claim of a named insured for fire damage to a structure located within the Municipality of Monroeville (hereinafter the "Municipality") where the amount recoverable for the fire loss to the structure under all policies exceeds Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000), unless the named insured or Insuring Agent is furnished by the Borough Secretary with a municipal certificate pursuant to Section 508 (b) of Act 98 of 1992 and unless there is compliance with Section 508 (c) and (d) of Act 98 of 1992 and the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. Where pursuant to Section 508 (b) (1) (i) of Act 98 of 1992, the Municipal Manager issues a certificate indicating that there are no delinquent taxes, assessments, penalties or user charges against real property, the Insuring Agent shall pay the claim of the named insured, provided however, that if the loss is agreed upon by the named insured and the Insuring Agent equals or exceeds sixty (60%) percent of the aggregate limits of liability on all fire policies covering the building restructure, the following procedures must be followed:

1. The Insuring Agent shall transfer from the insurance proceeds to the designated officer of the Municipality in the aggregate of \$1,000 for each \$20,000 of a claim and for each fraction of that amount of a claim, this section to be applied such that if the claim is \$20,000 or less, the amount transferred to the Municipality shall be \$1,000; or

2. If at the time of a proof of loss agreed to between the named insured and the and the Insuring Agent, the named insured has submitted a contractor's signed estimate of the costs of removing, repairing or securing the building or other structure, the Insuring Agent shall transfer to the Municipality from the insurance proceeds that amount specified in the estimate.

3. The transfer of proceeds shall be on pro rata basis by all companies, associations or exchanges insuring the building or other structure.

4. After the transfer, the named insured may submit a contractor's signed estimate of the costs of removing, repairing, or securing the building or other structure, and the designated officer shall return the amount of the funds transferred to the Municipality in excess of the estimate to the named insured, if the Municipality has not commenced to remove, repair, or secure the building or other structure.

5. Upon receipt of proceeds under this section, the Municipality shall do the following:

a. The designated officer shall place the proceeds in the separate fund to be used solely as security against the total costs of removing, repairing, or securing the building or structure which are incurred by the Municipality. Such costs shall include, without limitation, any engineering, legal, or administrative costs incurred by the Municipality in connection with such removal, repair, or secure the building or any proceedings related thereto; and

b. It is the obligation of the Insuring Agent when transferring the proceeds to provide the Municipality with the name and address of the named insured. Upon receipt of the transferred funds and the named and address of the named insured, the designated officer shall contact the named insured, certify that the proceeds have been received by the Municipality and notify the named insured that the procedures under this subsection shall be followed; and

c. When repairs, removal or securing of the building or other structure have been completed in accordance with all applicable regulations and orders of the Municipality and the required proof of such completion received by the designated officer, and if the Municipality has not incurred any costs for repairs, removal, or securing, the fund shall be returned to the named insured. If the Municipality has incurred costs for repairs, removal, securing of the building or other structure, the costs shall be paid from the fund and if excess funds remain, the Municipality shall transfer the remaining funds to the named insured; and

d. To the extent that interest is earned on proceeds held by the Municipality pursuant to this Section, and not returned to the named insured, such interest shall belong to the Municipality. To the extent that proceeds are returned to the named insured, interest earned on such proceeds shall be distributed to the named insured at the time that the proceeds are returned.

6. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the ability of the Municipality to recover any deficiency. Furthermore, nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit the Municipality and the named insured from entering into an agreement that permits the transfer of funds to the named insured of some other reasonable disposition of the damaged property has been negotiated.

SECTION 5. The Municipal council may, by resolution, adopt procedures and regulations to implement Act 98 of 1992 and this Ordinance any may, by resolution, fix reasonable fees to be charged for municipal activities or services provided pursuant to Act 98 of 1992 and this Ordinance; including but not limited to issuance of certificates and bills, performance of inspection and opening separate fund accounts.

SECTION 6. Any owner of property, any named insured or any Insuring Agent who violates this Ordinance shall be subject to a penalty of up to One Thousand (1,000) Dollars per violation.

SECTION 7. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable, and if any of the provisions hereof shall be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in effect.

SECTION 8. Any ordinance or part of any ordinance conflicting with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as same affects this Ordinance.

SECTION 9. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately.

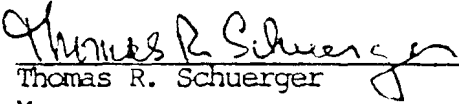
ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 14th day of December, 1993.

ATTEST:

MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE



Mary Ann Nau
Municipal Manager



Thomas R. Schuerger
Mayor