

ORDINANCE NUMBER 25

TAXING ELECTRIC LIGHT TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH-POLES.

AN ORDINANCE to tax the poles of electric light, telephone, telegraph and street car companies, and all other companies or individuals who are granted the right or are permitted to erect poles for the purpose of suspending wire or wires thereto or from, whether the same be corporations, companies or individuals, in the Borough of Donora, and to provide a penalty for the nonpayment of the same.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Borough of Donora has granted franchises to certain companies and permission to others to enter in, on and over the public thoroughfares and open courts of said Borough for the purpose of erecting poles and stringing wire and suspending wire or wires therefrom, and whereas, said Borough by so doing has incurred an additional responsibility in the way of inspection, supervision and police surveillance, and has made itself liable for any damages, which may be sustained by persons or property, resulting therefrom, and whereas, the Town Council of said Borough deems it advisable and just to the citizens and tax payers of said Borough to levy tax on said poles, commensurate with the liability assumed.

Section 1.--Be it ordained and enacted by the Borough of Donora, Washington County, Pa., in Council assembled, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same, that all poles erected in the Borough of Donora, whether they be owned by companies or individuals, used for the purpose of attaching wire or wires thereto or suspending wire or wires therefrom, and so long as the poles remain erected in said Borough whether the wire or wires be attached thereto or suspended therefrom, shall be taxed at the rate of one dollar, for each and every pole while so used for the purpose hereinbefore specified or remains erected in said Borough, for each and every year. Said year shall begin on the first day of January of each year, and said annual license tax as aforesaid shall be paid on or before the first day of June of each and every year, unless said poles have been erected after the first day of June when a proportionate part of said annual tax shall be paid by said respective companies or individuals.

Section 2.--That said respective companies or individuals shall pay such tax on poles to the Borough Treasurer, for the use of said Borough of Donora.

Section 3.--That upon the failure of any of the respective companies or individuals to pay the tax placed on said poles on or before the first day of June as aforesaid, or upon the failure to pay after thirty (30) days notice by the proper corporate authorities if said poles were erected after the first day of June as aforesaid, that the respective companies or individuals shall pay twenty-

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five cents on each and every pole in addition to the One Dollar tax imposed on poles as aforesaid, together with all costs for the collection of the same, and said tax together with the additional fine or penalty are to be collected as other fines or penalties are by law collectible.

Section 4.--This ordinance shall not be so construed as to confer upon, or grant to any person, firm or corporation the right or authority to erect any poles in any of the streets, public thoroughfares or open courts of said Borough, but only for the purpose as set forth in its preamble.

Section 5.--All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

Ordained and enacted in Council assembled this 16th day of December, A. D., 1901.

EDMOND JEFFRIES,
President.

ATTEST:

ROMAN E. KOEHLER, Clerk.

(Seal)

Approved this 17th day of December, A. D., 1901.

BERT W. CASTNER,
Chief Burgess.

ATTEST:

ROMAN E. KOEHLER, Clerk.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT
THIS IS A CORRECT COPY
OF ORDINANCE NO. 25

G. W. Allen
BOROUGH CLERK