

To: All Employers Located in Franklin Park

Franklin Park Borough instituted a Local Services Tax (LST) effective January 1, 2010. The tax levies a \$52 fee on any employee who works in Franklin Park. It also applies to self-employed individuals, if the work/tasks they perform are primarily carried out within the Borough. Anyone earning less than \$12,000 annually is exempt from the tax. Employers are required to collect this tax and make quarterly payments to the Borough. Most communities surrounding Franklin Park have already levied this tax in prior years.

In instituting this tax the Borough considered:

1. For the past 47 years, from 1963 to 2010, the borough increased property taxes only once, in 2003.
2. Of the 130 communities in Allegheny County, Franklin Park has the lowest overall tax burden.
3. Annually, Franklin Park conducts a survey of other like communities in the North Hills. Our millage rate is 24% below the average and the per capita expenditure 13% below.
4. Statewide, for every dollar that is spent by other boroughs on a per capita basis, Franklin Park spends 66 cents.
5. After the LST is instituted the Borough sees no need for any new or increased taxes for the foreseeable future.
6. Residents in our community either live or come here because of the high standards that North Allegheny and Franklin Park maintain.

After examining all of the information, Borough Council opted to institute the LST rather than lower the standards we currently maintain.

We have attached an information packet that sets forth the requirements that employers must follow. Should you have any questions please feel free to call Donna Roche at 412-364-4115 Ext 304 or myself at 412-364-4115 Ext 310.

Sincerely,

Ambrose Rocca
Borough Manager

