

Introduced by: Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier  
Date of introduction: May 29, 2018

**SUBSTITUTE NO. 1**

**TO**

**ORDINANCE NO. 18-061**

**THE ANNUAL REVENUE ORDINANCE OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 BEGINNING JULY 1, 2018**

**WHEREAS**, it has been certified to the County Council that the total value of all real property in the County which has been assessed and is subject to taxation is \$19,055,907,221 net of tax abatements.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE HEREBY ORDAINS:**

Section 1. A tax upon all of the real property in New Castle County is hereby established and levied at the rate of 28.01 cents for each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation (based on 100 percent of July 1, 1983 fair market value) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, to pay the costs of the General Operating Budget.

Section 2. A tax upon the real property in the following listed areas of New Castle County at the following listed rates for each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation is hereby established and levied for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, to pay costs under the Local Service Function Budget.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Tax Rate in Cents Per \$100 of Assessed Valuation</u>
Those portions of New Castle County not within any of the following incorporated municipalities	52.56
Arden	38.93
Ardencroft	38.93
Ardentown	38.93
Bellefonte	52.10
Delaware City	0.75
Elsmere	8.71
Middletown	1.07
Newark	0.00
New Castle	1.07
Newport	4.62
Odessa	13.85
Townsend	13.57
Wilmington	0.00

Section 3. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, owners of real property in New Castle County shall receive a credit equal to 6.5217% of the New Castle County real property taxes that are due as a result of the rates established and levied in sections 1 and 2 above. The credit shall be applied automatically in only said fiscal year. The credit shall apply only to New Castle County real property taxes and not to school taxes. As a result of the credit established herein, the net effective tax rate increase for fiscal year 2019 will be 7.5%.

Section 4. A tax upon the real property in the light districts in New Castle County established pursuant to 9 Del. C. c. 21, is hereby established and levied for light districts at the following rates for each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019 to pay the cost of street and highway illumination:

<u>Light Code</u>	<u>Light District Installations</u>	<u>Tax Rate in Cents Per \$100 of Assessed Valuation</u>
	<u>Incandescent Units</u>	
1	Wood Pole	1.210
	<u>Mercury Units</u>	
A	Wood Pole	7.840
Q	Metal Pole	13.550
C	Ornamental Pole	11.620
	Colonial	
	TC-100 Black	
	Traditionaire	
	Traditionaire Black	
	Traditionaire 70W	
T	Limited Installation	5.400
U	Turn of Century	14.990
	Acorn	
	Arlington	
	Granville	
	Granville II	

Section 5. A tax upon the full annual cost established pursuant to 9 Del. C. § 1339, is hereby established and levied for crossing guards by school district at the following rates for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019.

<u>Crossing Guard Rates</u>	<u>Tax Rates in Cents Per \$100 of Assessed Valuation</u>
Brandywine (Area I)	2.146
Red Clay (Area II)	2.382
Christina (Area III)	2.416
Colonial (Area IV)	1.719
Appoquinimink School District	2.068

Section 6. Fees and charges not specified in this Ordinance shall be heretofore or hereafter established.

Section 7. Fees, fines, forfeitures, penalties, assessments, charges, receipts and income, together with needed reserves and available cash balances, shall be included in the receipts of New Castle County as collected during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019.

Section 8. The effective date for the provisions in this Ordinance shall be July 1, 2018.

Section 9. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by County Council and approval by the County Executive, or as otherwise provided by 9 *Del. C.* § 1156.

Adopted by Council of  
New Castle County on:

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President of Council  
of New Castle County

Approved on:

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County Executive  
New Castle County

**SYNOPSIS:** This Substitute Ordinance is the Annual Revenue Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2019. This Substitute changes Sections 1 and 2 by increasing the tax rate and adds a new Section 3, set forth in detail below.

Section 1 establishes a General Operating property tax rate in New Castle County.

Section 2 establishes the Local Service Function property tax rates in the listed areas of New Castle County.

Section 3 establishes a one-time credit against real property tax that results in a net effective tax rate increase for Fiscal Year 2019 of 7.5%. For example, a property owner with a \$100 New Castle County real property tax bill for Fiscal Year 2018 would see his or her gross New Castle County real property tax bill increase by \$15.00 to \$115.00 in Fiscal Year 2019, which would then automatically be credited by \$7.50 ( $\$7.50/\$115 = 6.5217\%$ ).

Section 4 establishes the tax rates in the light districts of New Castle County.

Section 5 establishes the tax rates for school crossing guards.

Section 6 provides that fees and charges not specifically addressed in this Ordinance can be established at some future time.

Section 7 provides that other receipts and funding sources, together with the proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized by New Castle County Council, shall be included in the revenue of New Castle County collected during Fiscal Year 2019 to be used in accordance with the budget Ordinance.

**FISCAL NOTE:** This Ordinance proposes Fiscal Year 2019 tax rates which in conjunction with other anticipated sources of revenue are estimated to yield sufficient revenue to balance the proposed Fiscal Year 2019 Operating Budget.

The proposed real property tax rates itemized in Sections 1 and 2 when applied to estimated taxable assessments and estimated quarterly additions (net of exemptions) are anticipated to yield approximately

\$130,300,000. The one-time credit for Fiscal Year 2019 calculated in Section 3, however, reduces real property taxes by \$8.6 million. The combine effect of Sections 1-3 are anticipated to yield approximately \$121,700,000.

The proposed light district tax rates, as cited in Section 4, are anticipated to yield revenues of \$6,533,650. These revenues, together with the use of available cash balances, are estimated to support direct street lighting expenses plus overhead.

The proposed school crossing guard tax rates, as set forth in Section 5, are anticipated to yield revenues of \$3,658,812. These revenues, together with the use of available cash balances, are estimated to support direct crossing guard expenses plus overhead.