

**BOROUGH OF MILLERSBURG  
COUNTY OF DAUPHIN  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2-13**

**AN ORDINANCE ELIMINATING THE WARD SYSTEM AND ESTABLISHING  
PRECINCTS WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS TO BE SELECTED BY AN AT-LARGE  
SYSTEM**

Whereas, the Borough of Millersburg, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania is a borough organized and operated under the borough code; and

Whereas, the Millersburg Borough Council consists of six members, equally elected from two wards; and

Whereas, the Millersburg Borough Council has concluded that the ward system is archaic and serves no legitimate purpose; and

Whereas, Council has experienced difficulty in filling vacancies due to the ward system; and

Whereas, the Borough Code allows the council to consolidate two or more wards into one ward by ordinance (Article VI, Section 601); and

Whereas, the Borough Code requires that any borough that abolishes all wards have a borough council consisting of seven members (Article VIII, Section 816); and

Whereas, the Millersburg Borough Council does not wish to deprive the ward chairmen of their positions and duties.

**BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED**, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Council of the Borough of Millersburg, County of Dauphin, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

**SECTION 1 – WARDS ABOLISHED**

All wards in the Borough of Millersburg are hereby abolished.

## **SECTION 2 – NUMBER OF COUNCIL MEMBERS SET**

The number of Council members is set at seven (7) to be elected at-large by electors of the Borough per Section 816 of the Borough Code.

## **SECTION 3 – PRECINCTS ESTABLISHED**

1. Millersburg Borough is hereby divided into two precincts, known as the “First Precinct” and the “Second Precinct.”
2. The First Precinct is bounded by the exact lines as the former Ward 1 and the Second Precinct is bounded by the exact lines as the former Ward 2.
3. The individuals holding elected offices as Ward Chairmen at the time of the adoption of this ordinance shall assume the equivalent positions in their new precincts.

## **SECTION 4 – ELECTION SCHEDULE SET**

In order to effectuate this change and ensure that Council members’ terms of office remain staggered and to meet all other requirements of Article VIII of the Borough Code, Council members’ seats shall be filled as follows:

### **2013 Municipal Elections for Terms Beginning the First Monday of January, 2014**

At Large      Three (3) Council members to four-year terms  
                    Three (3) Council members to two-year terms

### **2015 Municipal Elections for Terms Beginning the First Monday of January, 2016**

At Large      Four (4) Council members to four-year terms

### **2017 Municipal Elections for Terms Beginning the First Monday of January, 2018**

At Large      Three (3) Council members to four-year terms

## **SECTION 5 – EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately.

**SECTION 6 – SEVERABILITY**

Should any sentence, section, clause, part or provision of this Ordinance be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section or part thereof other than the section or part thereof so declared to be invalid.

**SECTION 7 – REPEALER**

Any ordinance or section thereof that conflicts with this ordinance is hereby repealed.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED THIS 27th DAY OF February, 2013.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF MILLERSBURG

Anw Bowman Jackson  
Borough Secretary

Christy D. DeF...  
President of Council

APPROVED THIS 27th DAY OF February, 2013.

Richard D. Helgeson  
Mayor