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West Branch Township Property Owner,

This letter is to inform you of the recent amendment to Ordinance No. 12693. On April 5, 2021, the West Branch Township Supervisors approved a motion to increase the annual garbage bill fee from \$35.00 to \$40.00 per dwelling as well as an increase from \$0.15 a pound to \$0.20 a pound for waste disposal at our Joint Dumpster Facility.

Recently, The Potter County Solid Waste Authority announced a 63% increase for the cost of waste disposal, anticipated for the next 10 year period. The above mentioned fee increases were necessary to cover the operating expenses of the dump facility due to the recent fee increases placed by the Potter County Solid Waste Authority.

The State requires that West Branch Township provide a place for all habitable dwellings to dispose of their garbage. The site has to be big enough to accommodate all the camps as well, even if they choose not to use the service. Therefore, the Township was required to adopt an ordinance several years ago to charge an annual fee to cover the operating expenses. West Branch Township shares this dump site with Abbott Township. Our fee is much lower than most townships in the area who pay anywhere from \$70/yr. to \$130/yr. We do not have a pick-up service, as this would cost you much more than \$40/yr. Also, in terms of pick-up service, because 75% of dwellings are seasonal camps, a pick-up service is not cost effective.

If you should have any further questions or concerns, please contact the office to discuss further.

On behalf of the West Branch Township Supervisors, we thank you for your understanding.

West Branch Township
Board of Supervisors

Katie A. Bodendorf

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