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Ordinance 2025-14

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The reasoning behind this ordinance may appear fiscally sound at first glance—but the data tells a different story. While it's true that \$500 in 1965 is worth about \$5,058 today, that comparison ignores two critical realities: Our population has increased nearly tenfold since 1965. The tax cap may not have been adjusted for inflation, but the sheer number of taxable transactions has grown dramatically. In 1965, the borough collected an estimated \$91,500 in sales tax. In 2024, we collected over \$45.8 million. That's a 500-fold increase in tax revenue—far outpacing inflation. The goods we're taxing have already inflated in price. When the price of a good increases due to inflation, the amount of tax collected per item already rises. There is no need to double-dip by raising the cap alongside it. This proposal is a stealth tax hike, plain and simple. This ordinance is unnecessary and will hurt working families. It slowly chips away at purchasing power and grows government on autopilot, without accountability or voter input. I urge you to reject this ordinance and protect the principles of responsible, limited taxation that this borough was built on.