

**TOWNSHIP OF BLAIRSTOWN
COUNTY OF WARREN
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO. 2018-017**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 132 "MAINTENANCE OF VACANT/ABANDONED PROPERTIES", SECTION 132-5 "FEE SCHEDULE" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BLAIRSTOWN

WHEREAS, the Township Code contains a chapter regarding vacant and abandoned properties setting forth certain regulations and requirements related to vacant and abandoned property within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has reviewed the matter and determined that it is necessary to amend the Code to address certain situations wherein the fees are not remitted as required; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Blairstown, Warren County, New Jersey, that Chapter 132 "Maintenance of Vacant/Abandoned Properties", Section 132-5 "Fee Schedule" of the Code of the Township of Blairstown be and is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 132, "Maintenance of Vacant/Abandoned Properties", Section 132-5 "Fee Schedule" shall be amended to read as follows:

§132-5 Fee schedule.

The initial registration fee for each building that becomes vacant/abandoned during any calendar year shall be \$500. The fee for first renewal is \$1,500, and the fee for the second renewal is \$3,000. The fee for any subsequent renewal beyond the second renewal is \$5,000. All fees shall be submitted with the initial and renewal registrations required pursuant to **§132-2C**. Neither the initial nor any renewal fee shall be subject to proration or refund based upon a change in status of the property to or from a vacant/abandoned condition during a calendar year for which the fee is applicable.

For purposes of this Section, failure to comply with the provisions of this section to submit registration fees to the Township of Blairstown shall be deemed to be a violation of this section. Any and all unpaid registration fees shall be recoverable from the owner and shall be a lien on the property. Nothing contained in this Section shall prohibit the Township from assessing any other violations fees or penalties as provided for in this Chapter.

All other portions of this Chapter remain unchanged.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances of the Township of Blairstown inconsistent herewith are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court or competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. This law shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval and publication as required by law.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOREGOING Ordinance was introduced at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Blairstown, in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey, held on August 8, 2018 and will be further considered for final passage after public hearing thereon at a regular meeting of said Township Committee to be held at the Municipal Building, 106 Route 94 in the Township of Blairstown, New Jersey on September 12, 2018 at 7:30PM

Linda Leidner, Clerk