

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, TITLE 15, BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION, CHAPTER 15.70, "VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATION ORDINANCE"

BE IT ORDAINED by the New Brunswick City Council, as follows:

SECTION I

Title 15, Chapter 15.70, Section 15.70.040, "**Registration Statement Requirements**" is hereby amended to read as follows:

- A. The registration statement shall include the following:
- (i) the name, street address, e-mail address and telephone number of a natural person eighteen (18) years of age or older, designated by the owner or owners as the authorized agent for receiving notices of code violations and for receiving process in any court proceeding or administrative enforcement proceeding on behalf of such owner or owners in connection with the enforcement of any applicable code; and
 - (ii) the name, street address, e-mail address and telephone number of the firm or individual responsible for maintaining the property, as well as any additional information that the municipal officer may reasonably require. The individual or a firm responsible for maintaining the property shall be available by telephone or in person on a twenty-four (24) hour per day, seven-day per week basis.

The two entities may be the same or different persons. Both entities shown on the statement must maintain offices in the State of New Jersey or reside within the State of New Jersey.

- B. An owner who is a natural person and who maintains offices in the State of New Jersey or resides within the State of New Jersey may designate him or herself as agent or as the individual responsible for maintaining the property.
- C. The registration shall remain valid for six months from the date of registration. The owner shall be required to renew the registration every six months as long as the building remains vacant property and shall pay a registration or renewal fee in the amount prescribed in Section 15.70.080 for each vacant property so registered. Upon a change of ownership, a new registration statement must be filed within 30 days of closing.
- D. The municipal officer may establish for purposes of efficient administration of this chapter that all registrations be renewed by June 1st of each year and then again by December 1st of each year. The initial registration fee shall be pro-rated for registration statements received less than four (4) months prior to that date.

SECTION II

Title 15, Chapter 15.70, Section 15.70.120, "**Penalties for Violation of Chapter**" is hereby amended to **ADD** the following:

- E. Fines assessed under this article shall be recoverable from the owner and shall be a lien on the property.

SECTION III

SEVERABILITY:

If any section, paragraph or provision of this Ordinance is declared to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such finding shall not affect the remaining provisions hereof which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION IV

REPEALER:

All ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION V

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Ordinance shall become effective twenty (20) days following final adoption and publication as required by law.

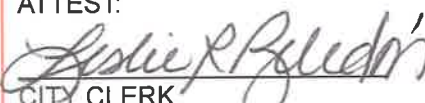
ADOPTED ON FIRST READING
DATED: March 18, 2020


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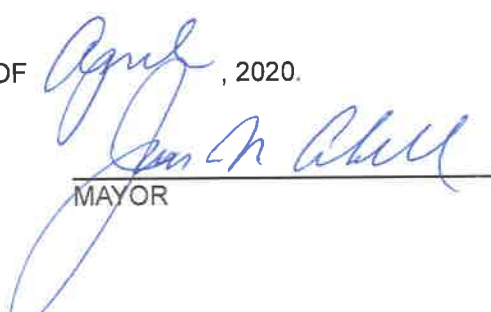
ADOPTED ON SECOND READING
DATED: April 1, 2020


COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR ON THIS 3rd DAY OF April, 2020.


MAYOR

APPROVALS:


CITY ADMINISTRATOR

CITY ATTORNEY

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I, Leslie R. Zeldin, City Clerk of the City of New Brunswick, NJ, do hereby certify the foregoing Ordinance is a true copy of the Original Ordinance adopted on second and final reading at a regular meeting of the New Brunswick City Council at its meeting on April 1, 2020.
Leslie R. Zeldin
Leslie R. Zeldin, City Clerk
Any reproduction of the Original Ordinance must contain the raised seal of the City of New Brunswick to be legally certified.

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