

TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON

ORDINANCE 2018-12

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDYSTON, COUNTY OF SUSSEX TO AMEND TOWNSHIP GENERAL ORDINANCES CHAPTER 51 ABANDONED PROPERTIES TO ESTABLISH A NEW FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTIES

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township of Hardyston, in the County of Sussex, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 51, Abandoned Properties Section 51-2 General requirements, Subsection (A) of the Township of Hardyston General Code is hereby amended and supplemented to read as follows:

A. The owner of any vacant property, as defined herein, shall within 30 days after the building becomes vacant property or within 30 days after assuming ownership of the vacant property, whichever is later, file a registration statement for each such vacant property with the Township of Hardyston Clerk on forms provided by the Clerk for such purposes, as well as any additional information that the Clerk may reasonably request. The registration shall remain valid until the end of the calendar year. The owner shall be required to renew, the registration annually, no later than January 31 as long as the building remains vacant property and shall pay a registration or renewal fee according to the fee schedule in §51-4. The initial registration fee shall be prorated for registration statements received less than 10 months prior to renewal deadline.

Section 2. Chapter 51, Abandoned Properties Section 51-4 Fee schedule, of the Township of Hardyston General Code is hereby amended and supplemented to read as follows:

The initial registration fee for each Vacant and Abandoned property under the provisions of this Section shall be five hundred (\$500.00) dollars. The fee for the first annual renewal shall be one thousand five hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars and the fee for the second annual renewal shall be three thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars. The fee for any subsequent annual renewal beyond the second renewal shall be five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars.

Section 3. Chapter 51, Abandoned Properties Section 51-7 Violations; penalties, Subsection (A) of the Township of Hardyston General Code is hereby amended and supplemented to read as follows:

A. Any owner who is not in full compliance with this article or who otherwise violates any provision of this chapter or of the rules and regulations issued hereunder shall be subject to a fine of \$1,500 for each day of violation. Every day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate and distinct offense. Fines assessed under this chapter shall be recoverable from the owner and shall be a lien on the property.

Section 4. This Ordinance may be renumbered for codification purposes.

Section 5. All Ordinances of the Township of Hardyston which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 6. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately following adoption and publication as required by law.

NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that notice is hereby given that the above ordinance was introduced and passed at the regular meeting of the Hardyston Township Council held at the Municipal Building, 149 Wheatsworth Road, Hardyston, New Jersey, on August 22, 2018. The same came up for final adoption at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Hardyston held on September 26, 2018, and after all persons present were given the opportunity to be heard concerning the same, it was finally passed, adopted and will be in full force and effect in the Township according to law.

Jane Bakalarczyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk