

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING

ORDINANCE NO. 2508

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XIX, SECTION 19-6.6 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK ENTITLED, “REGISTRATION OF VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTIES”

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union and State of New Jersey that Chapter XIX, Section 19-6.6 of the Code of the Borough of Roselle Park be and hereby is amended as follows:

SECTION 1. 19-6.6 REGISTRATION OF VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTIES.

The creditor of any property defined in Section 19-6.2, as defined herein shall, within thirty (30) days after the property becomes vacant and abandoned as defined herein, file a Registration Statement for such property with the Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Roselle Park on such form as may be provided by the Borough for such provisions. Failure to receive notice by the Municipality shall not constitute grounds for failing to register the property. Each registration shall contain the following:

- A. Each property having a separate block and lot number as designated in official records of the municipality shall be registered separately.
- B. The registration statement shall include the name, street address, telephone number, and email address (if applicable) of a person 21 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 proceedings on behalf of such owner or owners in connection with the enforcement of any applicable code; and the name, street address, telephone number, and email (if applicable) of the firm and the actual name(s) of the firm's individual principal(s) responsible for maintaining the property. The individual or representative of the firm responsible for maintaining the property shall be available by telephone or in person on a twenty-four 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 as applicable.
- C. The registration shall remain valid for one (1) year from the date of registration, except for the initial registration **which shall expire December 31st regardless of when it is filed.**~~which shall be prorated on a monthly basis through December 31.~~ The owner shall be required to renew the registration annually as long as the building remains a vacant and abandoned property and shall pay a registration or renewal fee in the amount prescribed in Section 19:6-7, of this article for each vacant property registered.
- D. The annual renewal shall be completed by January 1 each year.
- E. The owner shall notify the Municipal Clerk within thirty (30) calendar day of any change in the registration information by filing an amended registration statement.
- F. The registration statement shall be deemed prima facie proof of the statements therein contained in any administrative enforcement proceeding or court proceeding instituted by the Borough against the owner or owners of the building.

SECTION 2. Invalidity

If any section or portion of a section of this Code shall be invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections or portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. Inconsistent Ordinances Repealed.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances, to the extent that they are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. Captions.

Captions contained in this Ordinance have been included only for the purpose of facilitating reference to the various sections and are not intended and shall not be utilized to construe the intent and meaning of the text of any section.

SECTION 5. Effective Date.

This amendment to the Code of the Borough of Roselle Park shall become effective upon publication and in accordance with law.