

Township of West Milford

Passaic County, New Jersey

~ Ordinance 2023 – 014 ~

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING SECTION 285-12 VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTIES TO ADD THE CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION FEES IN THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, Chapter 285 “Property Maintenance” Section 285-12 was retitled “Vacant and Abandoned Properties” and amendment removed foreclosures from this section; and

WHEREAS, the amendment did not include the Certificate of Registration Fees in the Vacant and Abandoned Properties; and

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of West Milford, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 285-12 “Vacant and Abandoned Properties is hereby amended to read as follows:

D. Registration of Vacant, Abandoned Properties

- 1) Registration. The responsible party for a vacant, abandoned, residential property shall immediately file a certificate of registration with the Township Clerk after receipt of notice that the property has been determined to be vacant and abandoned or immediately after the responsible party assumes ownership of or responsibility for a property already determined to be vacant and abandoned. A certificate of registration shall remain valid for one year from the date of issuance and renewal shall be required annually that reverts back to the initial registration date if the property remains vacant and abandoned.
- 2). Form of Certificate of Registration. The certificate of registration shall be filed on forms prescribed by the Township Clerk and shall contain:
 - a) The name, street address, email address, and direct telephone number of a person who resides or maintains an office within the municipality and who is either the responsible party or an authorized agent designated by the responsible party to receive notices and complaints of property maintenance and code violations on behalf of the responsible party;
 - b) The name, street address, and telephone number of the person responsible for maintaining the property, if different; and
 - c) A certificate from a licensed insurance provider evidencing the liability insurance coverage on the vacant and abandoned property.
- 3) Certificate of Registration Amendments. A responsible party for a vacant and abandoned property shall file an amended certificate of registration within 30 days after any change in the information required to be included thereon.
- 4).. Certificate of Registration Fees. The following fees for a certificate of registration shall be paid by the responsible party.
 - a) \$250.00 for the initial registration fee
 - b) \$500.00 for the 2nd year
 - c) \$750.00 for the 3rd year
 - d) \$1,000 for the 4th year, adding an additional \$250.00 each subsequent year

SECTION 2. All ordinances of the Township of West Milford, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby 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 Ordinance may be renumbered for purposes of codification.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval and publication as required by law.

Introduced: May 3, 2023
Adopted: June 14, 2023
Effective Date: July 4, 2023

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD
COUNTY OF PASSAIC
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

William Senande, Township Clerk

By: _____
Michele Dale, Mayor