

ORDINANCE NO. 03 - 24

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BETHLEHEM, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE CODE OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BETHLEHEM, CHAPTER 187, PROPERTY, ABANDONED AND FORECLOSED, PROVIDING AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 187-2 DEFINITIONS, AND SECTION 187-9 VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bethlehem has deemed it necessary to revise the Code of Codified Ordinances of the Township of Bethlehem, Chapter 187 Property, Abandoned and Foreclosed by amending its § 187-2. Definitions and § 187-9 Violations and Penalties for clarity and conformity with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's First-Class Township Code, 53 P.S. § 55101, et seq.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bethlehem, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 187 Property, Abandoned and Foreclosed; § 187-2. Definitions; Vacant Property is deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

"VACANT PROPERTY. Any residential building or structure that is uninhabited; or, commercial or industrial building or structure not in use for which it is designed, arranged, or intended for."

SECTION 2. Chapter 187 Property, Abandoned and Foreclosed; § 187-2. Violations and Penalties is deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

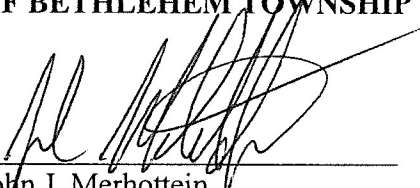
"§ 187-9. Violations and Penalties

Any Person in violation of this Chapter 187, upon conviction thereof in an action brought before a magisterial district judge in the manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than One Thousand and 00/100 (\$1,000.00) Dollars plus costs, and in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed Ninety (90) days. Each day that a violation of this Chapter 187 continues or each Section of this Chapter 187 continues shall constitute a separate offense."

SECTION 3. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

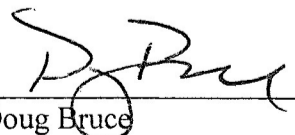
SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall be effective five (5) days after its enactment.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP



John J. Merhottein
President

ATTEST:



Doug Bruce
Township Manager/Secretary

ENACTED AND ORDAINED at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Bethlehem, County of Northampton on this 5th day of August, 2024.