

TOWNSHIP OF BURLINGTON

ORDINANCE

2023-OR-033

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BURLINGTON
PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION OF
A CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE BY THE OWNER
OF A BUSINESS, RENTAL UNIT OR UNITS AND
THE OWNER OF A MULTIFAMILY HOME OF FOUR
OR FEWER UNITS, ONE OF WHICH IS OWNER
OCCUPIED, AND ESTABLISHING AN
ADMINISTRATIVE FEE AND FINE FOR
NONCOMPLIANCE**

WHEREAS, the owner of a business or the owner of a rental unit or units is required to maintain liability insurance for negligent acts and omissions in an amount of no less than \$500,000 for combined property damage and bodily injury to or death of one or more persons in any one accident or occurrence; and

WHEREAS, the owner of a multifamily home which is four or fewer units, one of which is owner-occupied, shall maintain liability insurance for negligent acts and omissions in an amount no less than \$300,000 for combined property damage and bodily injury to or death of one or more persons in any one accident or occurrence; and

WHEREAS, the owner of a business, owner of a rental unit or units, and owner of a multifamily home of four or fewer units, one of which is owner occupied, is required by statute to annually register the certificate of insurance with the Township, and the governing body may establish a reasonable fee for the registration of the certificate of insurance, and collect a fine of not less than \$500 but no more than \$5,000 against an owner who has failed to comply; and

WHEREAS, the administration has recommended that the certificate of insurance be registered with the Department of Licensing and Inspection and that there be an administrative fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00), and a fine of five hundred (\$500.00) for noncompliance.

BE IT ORDAINED and ENACTED by the Township Council of the Township of Burlington, County of Burlington, and State of New Jersey, as

follows:

Section 1. ANNUAL REGISTRATION OF CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE.

The owner of a business, the owner of a rental unit or units, and the owner of a multifamily home which is four or fewer units, one of which is owner-occupied, shall annually by February 1, file with the Department of Licensing and Inspection a certificate of insurance demonstrating that the owner maintains liability insurance for negligent acts and omissions for combined property damage and bodily injury to or death of one or more persons in any one accident or occurrence. For the owner of a business or the owner of a rental unit or units the amount of the insurance shall be no less than \$500,000, and for the owner of a multifamily home of four or fewer units, one of which is owner-occupied, the amount of insurance shall be no less than \$300,000.

Section 2. ANNUAL FEE; FINE.

The annual administrative fee for registering the certificate of insurance with the Department of Licensing and Inspection by January 31 is fifty dollars (\$50.00), and the fine for failure to register a certificate of insurance by said date is five hundred dollars (\$500.00), which fine may be collected in a summary proceeding in the Municipal Court.

This Ordinance was introduced at a meeting of the Township Council in the Township of Burlington held on September 26, 2023, and will be considered for final passage after a public hearing held at a Regular Meeting of the Township Council to be held on October 10, 2023, at the Township Municipal Building, Burlington Township, New Jersey at 7:00 p.m.

This will certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by a majority of the Burlington Township Council on October 10, 2023.

Mary E. Field
Municipal Clerk

Robert W. Jung
President of Council

