

**ORDINANCE 2026-4**

***An Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Hazleton,  
Chapter 162, Landlord/Tenant Rental Registration***

***WHEREAS***, the City of Hazleton has adopted regulations governing rental properties within the City to protect the health, safety and welfare of residents; and

***WHEREAS***, Chapter 162 of the Code of Ordinances requires owners of rental property to designate a property manager or authorized agent for purposes of communication and enforcement; and

***WHEREAS***, the City desires to amend Chapter 162 to provide penalties for failure to designate or maintain a property manager or agent as required by the Code.

***BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
HAZLETON AS FOLLOWS:***

*The Code of Ordinances of the City of Hazleton, Chapter 162, Landlord-Tenant / Rental Registration, is amended as follows:*

***Chapter 162***

***Section 162-5 Property manager or agent***

***Insert new section: Penalties for failure to designate property manager or agent.***

*A. Any owner of residential rental property subject to the provisions of this Chapter who fails to designate and maintain a property manager or authorized agent as required by §162-5 shall be in violation of this Chapter.*

*B. Any person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other entity that violates this provision shall, upon conviction before a Magisterial District Judge, be subject to the penalties set forth in Chapter 1, Article I, § 1-2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Hazleton, together with costs of prosecution.*

*C. Each day that a violation continues after notice by the City shall constitute a separate offense.*

*D. The City may pursue any other remedies available at law or equity to enforce the provisions of this Chapter.*

***BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED*** that all relevant ordinances, regulations and policies of the City of Hazleton not amended hereby will remain in full force and effect; and

***BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED*** that if any provision, paragraph, word, section, subsection, sentence or clause of this Ordinance is held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance; and

***BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED*** that any ordinance or part of an ordinance conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance, including the ordinance cited herein, is repealed to the extent of such conflict.

***ORDAINED AND ENACTED*** by Council this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.