

Ordinance No. 3825 of 2024

CITY OF MEADVILLE
CRAWFORD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MEADVILLE, CRAWFORD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REPEALING ARTICLE 327.10 OF THE MEADVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE, PERTAINING TO RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, SEVERABILITY AND A REPEALER.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Meadville (the “City”) adopted Ordinance No. 3805-2022, known as the “City of Meadville Residential Rental Licensing Program”; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 3805-2022 was codified into Article 327 of the City of Meadville Municipal Code (the “Code”); and

WHEREAS, the City was sued by various and unnamed landlords claiming, among other things, that the City of Meadville Residential Rental Licensing Program was improper, see *Meadville Landlords United, LLC v. The City of Meadville, Case No. 2023-268*; and

WHEREAS, following a decision of the Court on the City’s Preliminary Objections, the plaintiffs have agreed to withdraw their lawsuit if the City Council was to repeal section 10 of Ordinance No. 3805-2022, codified in the Meadville City Code as section 327.10; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that section 327.10 of the City Code is not integral to the success and purpose of the City of Meadville Residential Rental Licensing Program, and, as such, agrees to repeal section 327.10 contingent upon the withdrawal of the lawsuit, with prejudice, by Meadville Landlords United; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that such an action is in the best interest of the citizens and residents of the City of Meadville.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Meadville and it is hereby Ordained and Enacted by and within the Authority thereof as follows:

Section 1. That Section 327.10 of the City of Meadville Code, as is more fully expressed below, be hereby repealed.

§ 327.10 **Insurance.**

[12-28-2022 by Ord. No. 3805-2022]

[(date) REPEALED by Ord. No. _____]

~~(a) All owners shall be required to obtain a minimum of \$25,000 in hazard and casualty insurance per residential rental unit to insure against the loss or damage of each residential rental unit. In the event of a multiunit facility, owners shall be required to obtain a minimum amount of insurance on the entire facility which equates to \$25,000 per residential rental unit in the aggregate.~~

~~(b) Owners shall be required to provide a copy of a certificate of insurance for each residential rental unit. A residential rental license shall not be issued unless insurance information is provided to the code official.~~

Section 2. Effective Date.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall, subject to the below condition precedent, become effective at 12:01 a.m., prevailing time, on the 21st day following the date of passage and enactment.

This Ordinance shall be effective on the date and time expressed above only in the event that the lawsuit at *Meadville Landlords United, LLC v. The City of Meadville, Case No. 2023-268* is withdrawn, with prejudice, by the plaintiffs.

Section 3. Severability.

Should any section, part or provision of this Ordinance be declared by appropriate authority to be unlawful or unconstitutional, all other terms, conditions, provisions and parts hereof, and of any Code of which this Ordinance may be or may be considered to be part, shall continue in full force and effect as if the provision declared to be unlawful or unconstitutional had been omitted as of the date of final enactment hereof.

Section 4. Repealer.

All ordinances and part of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and superseded by the above.


Introduced This _3rd day of _Spetember, A.D., 2024

Second Reading This _3rd day of _September, A.D., 2024

Finally Passed and Enacted This _17th day of _September, 2024

Attest:

_____, City Clerk



Jaime Kinder, Mayor

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