

ORDINANCE NO. 16-2024

**BOROUGH OF ROSELAND
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELAND CHAPTER 11 ENTITLED "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE" TO AMEND VARIOUS FEES

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roseland wish to amend Chapter 11 entitled "Property Maintenance" to modify Section 11-2 entitled "Registration and Maintenance of Abandoned, Vacant, and/or Foreclosing Property";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roseland that the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Roseland Chapter 11 entitled "Property Maintenance" shall be amended as follows:

SECTION I

That Section 11-2 shall be amended by adding the following thus and deleting the following ~~thus~~:

§ 11-2 Registration and Maintenance of Abandoned, Vacant, and/or Foreclosing Property.

§ 11-2.7 Registration of vacant and/or abandoned properties.

d. The ~~initial~~ registration fee shall be ~~\$500~~ \$250 and must accompany the registration statement. ~~Subsequent annual registration fees shall be \$1,000 for the first renewal, \$2,000 for the second renewal, and \$3,000 for all subsequent renewals.~~ Annual renewal registrations fees may be \$500 if there is an outstanding property maintenance or code violation on a vacant and abandoned property that remains unabated at the time of renewal. A renewal fee may be \$750 for a subsequent renewal if there continues to be an outstanding property maintenance or code violation or there is a new such violation on a vacant and abandoned property that remains unabated at the time of renewal.

§ 11-2.8 Inspection and registration of real property under foreclosure.

f. The ~~initial~~ registration fee shall be \$500 and must accompany the registration statement. ~~Subsequent annual registration fees shall be \$1,000 for the first renewal, \$2,000 for the second renewal, and \$3,000 for all subsequent renewals.~~ An additional \$2,000 per property annually if the property is vacant or abandoned pursuant to the definition in this section when the summons and complaint in an action to foreclose is filed, or becomes vacant and abandoned pursuant to the definition in this section at any time thereafter while the property is in foreclosure. Said fees shall be used to offset the costs of: (1) registration and registration enforcement, (2) code enforcement

and mitigation related to defaulted properties, (3) post-closing counseling and foreclosure intervention limited to owner-occupied persons in default, which may not include cash and mortgage modification assistance, and (4) for any related purposes as may be adopted in the policy set forth in this chapter. Said fees shall be deposited to a special account in the Borough's department dedicated to the cost of implementation and enforcement of this chapter and fulfilling the purpose and intent of this chapter. None of the funds provided for in this section shall be utilized for the legal defense of foreclosure actions.

SECTION II

If any section or provision of this ordinance shall be invalid in any court the same shall not affect the other sections or provisions of this ordinance except so far as the section or provisions so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder or any portion thereof.

SECTION III

This ordinance shall take effect upon publication as provided by law.

DATE OF INTRODUCTION: May 21, 2024

Motion to Introduce by: Councilwoman Fishman
 Motion Seconded by: Councilman Goldstein
 Introduction Approved: 4-0 Voice Vote (Bardi, Trillo absent)

DATE OF ADOPTION: June 18, 2024

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	RECUSE	ABSENT
Council President Bardi	X		X				
Councilman Biront		X	X				
Councilwoman Fishman			X				
Councilman Goldstein			X				
Councilwoman Perrotti			X				
Councilman Trillo			X				
Mayor Spango (In case of tie)							
		VOTE:	6	0			

I hereby certify that the above Ordinance was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roseland at a meeting of Borough Council held on the 18th day of June, 2024.

 James R. Spango, Mayor

 Jock H. Watkins, Borough Clerk

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