

WEYMOUTH TOWNSHIP
ATLANTIC COUNTY
NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 602-2024

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A REGISTRY FOR BUSINESS INSURANCE CERTIFICATES IN THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEYMOUTH AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES HERETOFORE ADOPTED, THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Committee of the Township of Weymouth, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey as follows:

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has enacted a new statute (N.J.S.A. 40A:10A-1, et. seq.) which requires business owners and rental unit owners to maintain certain liability insurance policies and register certificates of insurance demonstrating compliance with such statute with the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the requirement to register a certificate of insurance shall be effective as of November 6, 2022, 90 days following enactment; and

WHEREAS, said law provides that the municipality may, by ordinance, establish a reasonable administration fee for the certificate of registration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Weymouth, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. A new Chapter 99 of the Township Code, entitled “Business, Rental Property, and Multi-Family Property Insurance Registration,” is hereby established, providing as follows:

Section 99-1 Statutory Authority.

This Chapter is enacted pursuant to P.L. 2022, c. 92, and shall be interpreted and enforced to the same extent as that legislation, any amendments or supplementns thereto, and any associated regulatory or judicial authority.

Section 99-2 Insurance Requirements.

A. Except as provided in § 99 - 2B herein, business owners and owners of rental units located in the Township of Weymouth must maintain liability insurance for negligent acts and omissions in an amount not 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.

B. Owners of multifamily dwellings with four or fewer units, one of which is owner-occupied, must maintain liability insurance for negligent acts and omissions in an amount not 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.

Section 99-3 Registration Requirements.

The owner of a business, owner of a rental unit or units, and the owner of a multifamily home of four or fewer units, one of which is owner-occupied, in the Township of Weymouth, shall annually, on or before January 1, register the certificate of insurance demonstrating compliance with P.L. 2002, c.92, and Section 99-2 with the Township Clerk.

Section 99-4 Administrative Fee.

An administrative fee of \$50.00 shall apply to the filing of the certificate of registration required pursuant to P.L. 2002, c.92, and Section 99-3.

Section 99-5 Enforcement; violations and penalties.

An owner who violates this chapter is subject to a fine of not less than \$500.00, recoverable through a summary proceeding pursuant to the Penalty Enforcement Law of 1999, P.L. 1999, c.274 (N.J.S.A. 2A”58-10 et. seq.).

Section 99-6 Repealer.

Should P.L. 2002, c.92 be repealed or invalidated by competent authority, this chapter shall have no further force or effect.

2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.
3. Should any sentence, clause, sentence, phrase or provision of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance.

4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its final passage, publication and adoption in the manner prescribed by law.

WEYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

BY: _____

Kenneth R. Haeser, Mayor

Notice is hereby given that this Ordinance was introduced and given its First Reading by Title at a Regular Meeting of the Weymouth Township Committee which was held on May 1, 2024. It was advertised for a Second Reading by Title and a Public Hearing at the Weymouth Township Municipal Building on May 15, 2024; at which time it was adopted.

Attest: _____

Dorothy-Jo Ayres, RMC, Township Clerk