TOWNSHIP OF WEYMOUTH ATLANTIC COUNTY NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 607-2024

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 188 (PROPERTY MAINTENANCE) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEYMOUTH

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Weymouth, Atlantic County, is of the opinion that the public interest will best be served by adopting an amendment to §188 of the Code of the Township of Weymouth;

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

1. Chapter 188 of the Code of the Township of Weymouth (Property Maintenance) is hereby amended as follows (deleted language is stricken; additional language is underlined):

§ 188-1. Adoption of standards by reference.

The Township of Weymouth hereby adopts, approves and makes applicable to the property and citizens of the Township of Weymouth the current edition of the The-International Property Maintenance Code, 2018, as published by the International Code Council, Inc., is hereby adopted as the Property Maintenance Code of the Township of Weymouth, State of New Jersey, for the control of the buildings and structures as herein provided; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said International Property Maintenance Code are hereby referred to, adopted and made a part hereof as if fully set forth in this section, as amended in § 188-2. Three copies of the International Property Maintenance Code shall be maintained on file in the office of the Township Clerk of the Township of Weymouth. herein at length, as permitted by N.J.S.A. 40:49-5.1. Successor editions of the International Property Maintenance Code, as periodically published, and as amended from time to time, shall be binding when published and distributed to the Township of Weymouth.

§ 188-2. Amendments.

(repealed)

The International Property Maintenance Code, 2018, is amended and revised as follows:

Section of IMPC 2018	- Amendment
101.1	Remove "[NAME OF JURISDICTION]" and insert "Township of
	Weymouth"

107.2(5)	Remove
109.6	Remove
111	Remove entire section
112.4	Remove and insert: "Failure to comply. Any person who shall
	continue any work after having been served with a stop-work order,
	except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a
	violation or unsafe condition, shall be liable to a fine as described in
	Section 106.4 of the Township of Weymouth International Property
-	Maintenance Code."
202	Add definition: "FALLOW. Plowed and harrowed but left unsown-
	for a period in order to restore its fertility as part of a crop rotation
	or to avoid surplus production."
302.4	Remove "[JURISDICTION TO INSERT HEIGHT IN INCHES]"
	and insert "10 inches"
304.14	Remove
602.3	Remove "[DATE] to [DATE]" and insert "September 1 to May 1"
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606	Remove entire section
701	Remove entire section
702	Remove entire section
703	Remove entire section
704	Remove entire section
705	Remove entire section

§ 188-3 Enforcement.

The $\underline{\mathbf{Rr}}$ esponsibility for enforcement of the $\underline{\mathbf{eC}}$ ode shall be with the Code Official or the Code Official's designee.

§ 188-4 Notice of failure to comply.

The Code Official, the Code Official's designee, or any other designated officer is authorized to notify, in writing, by mailing via certified mail, return receipt requested, and regular mail or hand-delivering to the owner, or person or entity, in control of the subject premises or the agent of the owner, person in control or entity advising him or the entity of the particular violation. In the event the property is in foreclosure, notice may also be sent to the mortgagee in the manner set forth herein. If the notice is returned showing the letter was not delivered, a copy thereof shall be posted in a conspicuous place in or about the structure affected by such notice. The person or entity shall have 20 days from the date of receipt of the notice to either cure the violation or to appeal as provided in Section 111 of the International Property Maintenance Code. § 188-2 of this chapter.

Said notice shall be deemed to serve as a continuing notice for the remainder of the violation on the subject property in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

§ 188-5 Failure or refusal to comply.

In the event that the person or entity owning said land does not appeal the decision within 20 days the time period prescribed by § 188-2 and shall has refused or neglected to abate or remedy the condition complained of and which constituted a violation of this chapter, after said 20 days' notice as provided in § 188-4, the Code Official or the Code Official's designee shall cause the condition complained of to be abated and remedied.

§ 188-6 Unpaid charges to constitute lien on property.

If the owner, entity or person in possession of the dwelling or lands in question shall fail to abate the condition complained of within the time period specified after receipt of notice, the Code Officer or the Code Officer's designee shall cause the condition complained of to be abated, either by action of the Department of Public Works or by engagement of an outside contractor, and shall present a report of the work accomplished to the Township Committee, along with a summary of the abatement undertaken to secure compliance. He or she shall certify the actual labor costs of same plus 25%, but not less than an administrative fee of \$100, to the Township Committee, which shall examine the report and certificate and, if it is correct, cause the cost as shown thereon to be charged against the dwelling and/or lands. A copy of the resolution approving the expenses shall be certified by the Township Clerk and filed with the Township Tax Collector, who shall be responsible for the collection thereof. The amount so charged shall forthwith become a lien upon the dwelling and/or lands and shall be added to and become and form part of the taxes next assessed and levied upon such dwelling and lands, shall bear interest at the same rate as the taxes, and shall be collected and enforced by the same officer and in the same manner as taxes. Costs shall be in addition to any penalties imposed for a violation of this chapter.

2. Severability.

If any Article, section, subdivision, or sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

3. Repealer; Exception.

All Ordinances or parts thereof or Resolutions inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency. Nothing in this Ordinance, however, shall affect the rights and tenure of any elected official.

4. When Effective.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately following its advertisement, public hearing and adoption in accordance with the law.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED AT A MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEYMOUTH, IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, HELD ON AUGUST 21, 2024, AND WAS FURTHER CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON AT A REGULAR MEETING OF SAID TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE HELD IN THE TOWNSHIP HALL, IN SAID TOWNSHIP, ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2024, AT WHICH TIME IT WAS ADOPTED.

ATTEST:	WEYMOUTH TOWNSHIP
	COUNTY OF ATLANTIC
	STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Teresa A. Seelman

Deputy Municipal Clerk

Kenneth Haeser, Mayor Weymouth Township

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