ORDINANCE NO. 0-23-19

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING LEAD-FREE CERTIFICATION AND FEE AS PART OF THE CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY PROCESS IN THE BOROUGH OF WEST LONG BRANCH

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Lead-Safe Certificate Law was enacted by the New Jersey Legislature, and signed by the Governor, in the summer of 2022 under P.L. 2021, c.182; and

WHEREAS, that law requires that rental dwellings built prior to 1978 must provide a lead-free certificate in order to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy, and pay the required fee, which is processed through the borough to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Housing and Community Resources; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance will codify the requirements set forth above;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of West Long Branch as follows:

SECTION 1. LEAD-FREE CERTIFICATION

Each owner or his/it's representative who applies for a Certificate of Occupancy for a rental property shall obtain a lead-free certification from an approved third party. The inspections and lead-free certifications will not be provided by the borough.

SECTION 2. FEE FOR LEAD-FREE CERTIFICATIONS

In addition to the fees required to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy, the applicant shall pay an additional \$20.00, which fee shall be passed through to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Housing and Community Resources.

SECTION 3. EXEMPTIONS

Any exemptions for the obtaining of a lead-free certification or the payment of the fee, which are set forth in state law, shall apply to any applicant for a Certificate of Occupancy in West Long Branch.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

Introduced: November 1, 2023

Passed:

December 6, 2023

Adopted:

December 6, 2023

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