ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DEPTFORD AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING O.13.12 ENTITLED "LANDLORD TENANT" OF CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DEPTFORD

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Deptford, a municipal corporation in the County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, finds that an amendment to O.13.12 of the Deptford Township Code concerning Landlord Tenant registration is appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the amendment will ensure that the Township's Apartment Complexes will be kept aware of continuing issues within Deptford Township and receive information as to how to combat these issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Deptford, in the County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1.

[New Section.] Landlord Attendance at Annual Community Meeting Required.

In order for an Apartment Complex to be issued a license or to be issued a renewal license the owner or manager of the Apartment Complex must attend a meeting which will be scheduled and conducted by the Township at least once per year. The Annual Community Meeting shall be held within the first thirty (30) days of the January. The Township shall cause to be issued a notice to all registered and licensed Apartment Complexes at least thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled meeting. Failure to attend the Annual Community Meeting may result in having the Apartment Complex's license revoked or not renewed in accordance with the Revocation of license procedure, Violations and/or Penalties Enforcement provisions of O.13.12.

The Township shall produce a sign-in sheet at the Annual Community Meeting whereby each registered and licensed owner or manager of an Apartment Complex shall sign. The Township will include said proof of attendance with their records in order to confirm attendance and thereby issue a license or renewal license upon application of same by the Apartment Complex in accordance with the issuance and renewal provisions of O.13.12.

The purpose of the Annual Community Meeting is to open communication with the Township Community, Council Members, Law Enforcement and Administration. Topics may include, but are not limited to, Code Enforcement and Property Maintenance; Crime Fighting; Domestic Violence; Communication with the Police Department; Parking, Noise and/or Security.

Section 2. All remaining provisions and requirements contained in O.13.12 shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to said inconsistencies and conflict.

Section 4. If any section, part of any section, or clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the remaining provisions of this ordinance. The governing body of the Township of Deptford declares that it would have passed the ordinance and each section and subsection thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more of the subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases may be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

Section 5. The ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

ATTEST:

Township of Deptford

Dina L. Zawadski, Township Clerk, RMC, CMC

CERTIFICATION

Township of Deptford

Paul Medany, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a Work Session Meeting of Township Council of the Township of Deptford held on the 22nd day of February, 2021 and will be considered for final passage and adoption at a Work Session Meeting at which time any person interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard. Said meeting to be held on the 15th day of March, 2021 at the Municipal Building, 1011 Cooper Street, Deptford, New Jersey.

Dina L. Zawadski, Township Clerk, RMC, CMC

RECORD OF VOTE – Introduction O.2.21					RECORD OF VOTE – Adoption O.2.21				
Council	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Council	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Member					Member				
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