

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DEPTFORD ESTABLISHING AN
ABANDONED PROPERTY LIST AND AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC OFFICER TO
DESIGNATE QUALIFIED REHABILITATION ENTITIES**

WHEREAS, the Township of Deptford contains a number of vacant buildings that have been abandoned by their owners, and that are in a state of disrepair and neglect; and

WHEREAS, these buildings, by virtue of their condition and their proximity to other buildings, are diminishing the value of neighboring properties and have a negative effect on the quality of life of adjacent residents and property owners, increasing the risk of property damage through arson and vandalism and discouraging neighborhood stability and revitalization; and

WHEREAS, many of these buildings, or the land on which they are situated, can be used for productive purposes, which will further the revitalization of the Township of Deptford and improve its economic and social condition; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Deptford desires to use the powers granted local governments under the laws of the State of New Jersey to address the conditions created by these buildings, and further their reuse for productive purposes; and

WHEREAS, by creating an abandoned property list, as set forth in Section 36 of P.L.1996, c.62 (C.55:19-55) as amended by Section 28 of P.L.2003, c.210, the Township of Deptford will better be able to address the conditions created by these buildings, and further their reuse for productive purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED:

- (1) The Department of Community Development is hereby directed to identify abandoned properties within the municipality, place said properties on an abandoned property list established as provided in Section 36 of P.L.1996, c.62 (C.55:19-55), as amended by Section 28 of P.L.2003, c.210, and provide such notices and carry out such other tasks as are required to effectuate an abandoned property list as provided by law.
- (2) The abandoned property list shall apply to the Township of Deptford as a whole.
- (3) The Department of Community Development is hereby designated as the public officer for the purpose of carrying out the responsibilities established by this ordinance, and shall have all the responsibilities and powers provided by law.

- (4) The public officer herein designated shall exercise the authority granted the municipality pursuant to Section 13 of P.L.2003, c. 210, to designate qualified rehabilitation entities to act as the designee of the municipality with respect to the provisions of that section.
- (5) The public officer shall provide a report to the mayor and governing body every six months, with respect to the number and location of properties on the abandoned property list, the status of those properties, and any actions taken by the municipality or by any qualified rehabilitation entity designated pursuant to the authority granted the public officer with respect to any property on the list or any other abandoned property within the Township of Deptford.

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

Severability. 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 effect 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.

Effective Date. The ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.



TOWNSHIP OF DEPTFORD



PAUL MEDANY, MAYOR

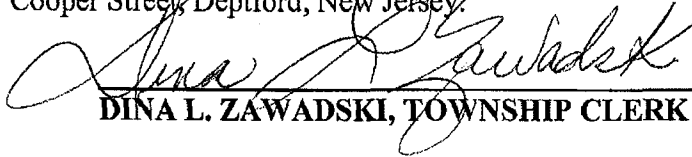
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DINA L. ZAWADSKI, TOWNSHIP CLERK

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting of Township Council of the Township of Deptford held on the 2nd day of March, 2015 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 16th day of March, 2015 at the Municipal Building, 1011 Cooper Street, Deptford, New Jersey.


DINA L. ZAWADSKI, TOWNSHIP CLERK

Introduction

Council Member	Resolution No.	Ordinance No.	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
		O.10.15				
Medany			✓			
Hufnell			✓			
Barnshaw			✓			
Lamb			✓			
Love			✓			
Schocklin			✓			
Scott			✓			

Adoption

Council Member	Resolution No.	Ordinance No.	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
		O.10.15				
Medany			✓			
Hufnell			✓			
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