TOWNSHIP OF JACKSON ORDINANCE 09-24

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JACKSON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 245 ENTITLED "LANDLORD REGISTRATION AND RESPONSIBILITY" OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Jackson, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 245-2B shall be deleted and replaced with the following:

The registration fee shall be \$125.00 for any certificates of registration renewed after the effective date of this ordinance.

SECTION 2. Chapter 245-2C shall be deleted and replaced with the following:

Each landlord registration form shall be renewed on an annual basis between January 1st and January 31st of the year for which a certificate shall be effective. Failure to complete the Certificate of Registration or renewal process by January 31st of the year for which the Certificate of Registration shall apply shall be considered a violation of this ordinance.

With respect to all documents required to obtain a Landlord Registration, including all registration forms and the provision of documents required to contain such forms, same may be submitted electronically with the Township's Code Enforcement Division. The registration forms may also be issued electronically upon the Code Enforcement Division being satisfied the Applicant has complied with all requirements of this ordinance. The filing of all such documents electronically is optional to the landlord.

This provision shall take effect on January 1, 2025 and be effective for all landlord registration certificates thereafter. With respect to any landlord registration certificates which shall be required to be renewed prior to January 1, 2025, the landlord shall make the payment of the registration fee of \$125.00 for the balance of calendar year 2024. All landlord registration forms shall be renewed annually between January 1st and January 31st thereafter. In the event a new tenancy is created by a landlord after January 31st of any calendar year, a Certificate of Registration must be obtained for the balance of the calendar year prior to occupancy.

SECTION 3. A new provision designated as Chapter 245-5 shall be added as follows:

Any landlord failing to obtain a certificate of registration in accordance with this chapter shall be fined \$500.00 for a first offense, \$750.00 for a second offense and \$1,000.00 for a third or subsequent offense.

SECTION 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect after second reading and publication as required by law with respect to the amount to the fee and for purposes of said renewal of any Certificate of Registration commenced on January 1, 2025.

MAYOR MICHAEL REINA

INTRODUCED: February 13, 2024

ADOPTED: February 27, 2024

ATTEST:

MARÝ MOSS, RMC MUNICIPAL CLERK