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Borough Attorney /s/Robert L. Tarver, Jr., Esq.

**BOROUGH OF PENNS GROVE  
COUNTY OF SALEM, NEW JERSEY**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-7**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 206-18 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF  
PENNS GROVE ESTABLISHING FEES FOR BOROUGH ACTION TO REMEDY PROPERTY  
VIOLATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Code of the Borough of Penns Grove chapter 198, section 6 allows for the imposition of certain fees relative to vacant and abandoned properties; and

**WHEREAS**, recent changes to New Jersey law have made it necessary to adjust the current fee schedule,


**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Penns Grove, County of Salem, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 216-18 is hereby amended to add the following:

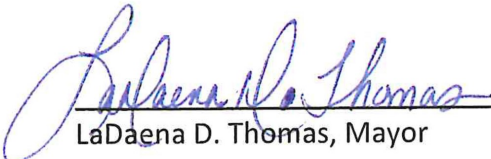
**§ 206-18 “Fees.”**

- A. Schedule: Pertinent fees will be applied to subject parcels with the notice of either a residential or commercial bank foreclosure filing; said fee shall be applied to the property whether vacant or not at the time of foreclosure filing.
- B. Registration Fee: An annual registration fee of \$500.00 will be assessed to either a residential or commercial parcel in bank foreclosure.
- C. Subsequent annual fees: Any property that has been validly deemed abandoned may be charged an additional annual fee of \$2,000.00.
- D. Said fees, up to \$2,500.00 annually, will be certified to the Municipal Tax Collector to enforce tax liens for all unpaid VPR fees outstanding.
- E. At least 20% of all fee income resulting from the application of this article shall be deposited in a trust fund that shall be used for the sole purpose of carrying out municipal activities with respect to vacant and distressed properties, including but not limited to code enforcement, abatement of nuisance conditions, stabilization, rehabilitation, and other activities designed to minimize blight and/or promote further productive reuse of properties.
- F. Penalty for non-compliance: If a banking institution fails to comply with this section, it may be written up in municipal court and fined up to \$2,500.00.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication according to law.

ATTEST:

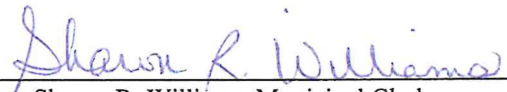
  
 Sharon R. Williams, Municipal Clerk

  
 LaDaena D. Thomas, Mayor

**Intro:**

Council	MOVED	SECONDED	Y	N	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Scott, President		X	X			
Carter						X
Marinero	X		X			
Rambo			X			
Scott, D						X
Worley						X

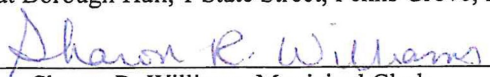
**Notice:** The above ordinance was introduced and passed on the first reading at the meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Penns Grove in the County of Salem held on June 20, 2023 and will be considered for final passage at a meeting to be held by the Mayor and Council at Borough Hall, Broad Street and State Street, Penns Grove, New Jersey on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at which time any interested person will be given an opportunity to be heard.

  
 Sharon R. Williams, Municipal Clerk

**FINAL:**

Council	MOVED	SECONDED	Y	N	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Scott, Pres. A.			X			
Carter		X	X			
Marinero			X			
Rambo			X			
Scott, D.			X			
Worley	X		X			

**Notice:** The above ordinance was introduced and passed on the first reading at the meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Penns Grove in the County of Salem held on June 20, 2023 and was adopted, after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council at Borough Hall, 1 State Street, Penns Grove, New Jersey on July 5, 2023

  
 Sharon R. Williams, Municipal Clerk