

**ORDINANCE No. RO-10-20**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 148 “PROPERTY MAINTENANCE”, SECTION 148-8 “VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTIES”**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Washington Code sets forth a fee schedule for registration of vacant and abandoned properties within the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Administrator has reviewed the fee schedule and determined that certain changes must be made; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee has reviewed the recommended changes and determined that they are appropriate.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

**SECTION ONE.** Chapter 148 “Property Maintenance”, Section 148-8 “Vacant and Abandoned Properties” shall be amended to read as follows:

**§148-8 Vacant and Abandoned Properties.**

D. Fee schedule. The initial registration fee for each building shall be \$500. The fee for the first renewal is \$750. The fee for any subsequent renewal is \$1,000. After five years, the registration fee shall be \$5,000. Neither the initial nor any renewal fee shall be subject to proration or refund based upon a change in status of the property to or from a vacant/abandoned condition during a calendar year for which the fee is applicable.

**Vacant and Abandoned Property Registration Fee Schedule**

<b>Registration</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Initial registration	\$500
First renewal	\$750
Any subsequent renewal up to five years	\$1,000
After five years	\$5,000

All remaining provisions of this Section shall remain unchanged.

**SECTION TWO. RENUMBERING.** This Ordinance may be renumbered for codification purposes.

**SECTION THREE. SEVERABILITY.** The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph,

section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder off this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

**SECTION FOUR. REPEALER.** Any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to their inconsistencies only.

**NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced to pass on first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of Washington Township held on September 21, 2020, and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Washington Township Committee to be held on October 19, 2020 **at 7:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as the Township Committee may hear this Ordinance at the Washington Township Municipal Building, 43 Schooley's Mountain Road, Long Valley, NJ 07853, at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance. In the event public facilities remain closed as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the meeting and public hearing will be held electronically using a cloud-based audio-conferencing tool with computer and telephone access. Access directions will be published on the Township's website [www.wtmorris.org](http://www.wtmorris.org).

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
COUNTY OF MORRIS  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**ATTEST:**

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Nina DiGregorio, Township Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Matthew T. Murello, Mayor

The foregoing is a true copy of an ordinance adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington on October 19, 2020.

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Nina DiGregorio, Township Clerk