

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION NO. R-16-09

Introduced By **City Council**
Date Introduced **April 11, 2016**
Amendments Adopted
Date Adopted **April 11, 2016**
Date Effective **April 11, 2016**

A RESOLUTION regarding

**VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATION FEE FOR
THE CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT**

FOR the purpose of approving the registration fee for vacant buildings and lots within the City of Seat Pleasant on annual basis and providing that the title of this Resolution shall be deemed a fair summary; and generally relating to the registration fee of vacant properties in the City.

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 12-203(b) of the Public Safety Article of the Maryland Annotated Code, each political subdivision shall adopt a local housing code that sets minimum property maintenance standards for housing in the subdivision; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 5-202 of the Local Government Article of the Maryland Annotated Code and § C-501(a) of the Charter of the City of Seat Pleasant, the City Council of the City of Seat Pleasant (the “City Council”) is authorized and empowered to adopt ordinances to assure the good government of the City of Seat Pleasant (the “City”), protect and preserve the City’s rights, property, and privileges, preserve peace and good order, secure persons and property from danger and destruction, and protect the health, comfort, and convenience of the residents of the City; and

WHEREAS, an increasing number of properties in the City have become vacant for various reasons, including but not limited to foreclosure, in which case such properties are in the control of financial institutions or other non-individual entities; and

WHEREAS, the City has found it difficult to identify and notify owners of such vacant properties when violations of the City’s property maintenance code occur and, as such, it is difficult for the City to obtain timely abatement of such violations; and

WHEREAS, the City's difficulty in obtaining timely abatement of such violations is detrimental to the public health, welfare, and safety of the citizens of the City; and

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2015, the City Council passed Ordinance No. O-16-02, adopting a new Chapter 148 for the Code of the City of Seat Pleasant entitled "Vacant Property Registration" which provides for the registration of vacant buildings and lots in the City of Seat Pleasant and penalties for the failure to properly register such properties and pay the fees associated therewith; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §§ 148-3(F) and 148-4(A)(1) of Chapter 148 of the City Code, as adopted pursuant to Ordinance No. O-16-02, the City Council is authorized and empowered to establish and amend from time to time a registration fee for vacant buildings and lots, respectively.

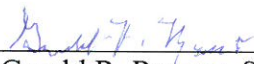
SECTION I. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Seat Pleasant that the vacant building registration filing fee for all vacant buildings other than those designed as a single-family dwelling shall be six hundred dollars (\$600.00). The vacant building registration filing fee for a single-family dwelling shall be three hundred dollars (\$300.00). The vacant lot registration filing fee for shall be seventy-five dollars (\$75.00). Each of the foregoing filing fees shall be paid as set forth in Chapter 148 of the City Code.

SECTION II. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

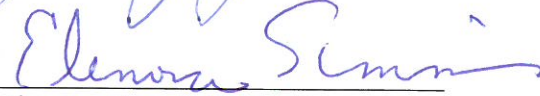
ADOPTED and effective this 11th day of April, 2016.



Kelly Porter, Councilmember



Gerald R. Raynor, Sr., Councilmember



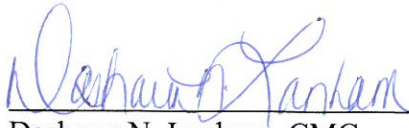
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ATTEST:



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