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ORDINANCE NO. _____

**NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP
BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP, SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 1, ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNMENT, RELATED TO THE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS OF THE BLIGHTED PROPERTY REVIEW COMMITTEE, ELIMINATING THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER, DELETING THE FIRE INSURANCE PROCEEDS ESCROW REQUIREMENTS, AMENDING BUILDING NUMBERING AND SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS, AND ADDING BOARD AND COMMISSION EXPECTATIONS

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED and ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Northampton Township as follows:

SECTION 1. CHAPTER 1, ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNMENT, PART 2, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COUNCILS, G. Blighted Property Review Committee., §1-262. Membership; Compensation., is hereby amended to delete the section in its entirety and rewrite it as follows:

§ 1-262. Membership; Compensation.

1. The Blighted Property Review Committee shall consist of five individuals. The Board of Supervisors shall appoint the following:
 - A. One member of the Board of Supervisors appointed by majority vote.
 - B. One member of the Northampton Township Planning Commission.
 - C. Two Township residents.
2. One member representing the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks as designated by the Redevelopment Authority shall be a standing member of the Committee.
3. Members of the Committee shall serve without Compensation.

SECTION 2. CHAPTER 1, ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNMENT, PART 3, ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS, A. TOWNSHIP MANAGER, §1-302. Appointment; Term; Qualifications., is hereby amended to delete the following sentence in §1-302.1.

1. The Manager need not be a resident at the time of his employment, but he shall become a resident of the Township within 12 months after his employment commences.

The other existing language of this section shall remain as written.

SECTION 3. CHAPTER 1, ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNMENT, PART 5, FIRE INSURANCE PROCEEDS ESCROW, is hereby deleted in its entirety and this section is marked as *RESERVED*.

SECTION 4. CHAPTER 4, BUILDINGS, PART 1, NUMBERING OF BUILDINGS, §4-104, Numbering Requirements, is hereby amended as follows to add a new §4-104.3.A. §4-104.3. shall remain as written.

- 3.A. If the setback of the house is at a distance that the numbers are not visible from the street based on a determination by the Fire Marshal or Code Enforcement Director, an alternative location on the property must be found to ensure visibility and compliance with this section.

SECTION 5. CHAPTER 13, LICENSES, PERMITS AND GENERAL BUSINESS REGULATIONS, PART 3, PEDDLING AND SOLICITING, §13-303.2. Application for License, is hereby deleted in its entirety and rewritten as follows:

2. Upon Request, the applicant shall furnish a photograph.

SECTION 6. CHAPTER 1, ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNMENT, is amended to add a new **Part 8, Board and Commission Expectations**, as follows:

**Part 8
Board and Commission Expectations**

The Board of Supervisors may adopt and amend bylaws for any Board and Commission by resolution.

SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY.

In the event that any section, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this ordinance shall be declared illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not prevent or otherwise foreclose enforcement of any of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 8. REPEALER.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith or in conflict with any of the specific terms enacted hereby, to the extent of said inconsistencies or conflicts, are hereby specifically repealed.

ORDAINED and **ENACTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Northampton Township
this _____ day of _____, 2021.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP

Adam Selisker, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Frank O'Donnell, Secretary

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