

ORDINANCE NO. 98-3

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLTOWN REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF RENTAL PROPERTIES SITUATED WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP BOUNDARIES TO REPORT TO THE TOWNSHIP THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE TENANTS OF THE RENTAL PROPERTIES, AND SETTING FORTH A REGISTRATION SYSTEM THEREFOR.

Preamble

The Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors, in an effort to make more efficient the system of charging and collecting Township taxes and in order to distribute the tax burden upon Township residents more equitably does hereby enact and ordain the following Ordinance requiring owners of rental properties situated within the Township to report to the Township the name(s) and address(es) of tenants of the rental properties, and setting forth a registration system therefor.

ARTICLE I - REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

No person, natural or otherwise, shall hereafter occupy, allow to be occupied or let to another person for occupancy, any residential rental unit within the Township of Hilltown unless the landlord/lessor notifies the Township within thirty (30) days after said occupancy, the name(s), address and number of persons occupying a specific unit. Registration forms may be obtained at the Township Building.

ARTICLE II - REGISTRATION TIME PERIOD

A registration for each residential unit shall be filed by January 31 of each calendar year and, then throughout the year whenever there is a change of occupant(s) as set forth above. All registrations under this Ordinance shall be forwarded to the Township within sixty (60) days after the enactment hereof for the first year.

ARTICLE III - REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The landlord/lessor shall provide a forwarding address of any tenant (residential, commercial, industrial) that has vacated the leased property during the previous reporting period.

ARTICLE IV - FEES

No fee shall be charged for this registration.

ARTICLE V - PENALTY

Any person, firm, or corporation violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be fined Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each offense, plus costs of prosecution. Each unreported tenant constitutes a separate offense. Violators shall be subjected to summary proceedings before the District Justice.

ARTICLE VI - REPEALER

All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency. Ordinance No. 87-5 is specifically repealed.

ARTICLE VII - SEVERABILITY

If any sentence, clause, section, or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional or illegal, such infirmity shall not affect nor impair the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections, or parts of this Ordinance.

ARTICLE VIII - EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective sixty (60) days after the enactment hereof.

SO ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 26th day of January, A.D., 1998.

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS






