

ORDINANCE NO. 1-10-2024

***AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF GRATZ AMENDING ORDINANCE 05302023
REGULATING CONDUCT AND ACTIVITIES RELATED TO PROPERTY
MAINTENANCE WHICH ARE HEREIN CLASSIFIED AS NUISANCES AND
PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE***

BE IT ORDAINED and enacted by the Gratz Borough Council and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same as follows:

WHEREAS, On May 30, 2023 Council passed an ordinance hereinafter referred to as the Property Maintenance Ordinance which regulates the inspection and classification of nuisance properties and dangerous structures in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Borough Council now wishes to Amend this ordinance to set a fee for hearings held in connection with the same;

WHEREAS, in furtherance of this amendment, Borough Council amends Ordinance 05302023 as follows:

A. Hearing Procedure. The Council of the Borough shall:

- a. Upon receipt of a report in accordance with the investigation procedure provided hereinabove in Section 3 of this Ordinance, given written notice to the owner or owners of such dangerous buildings as determined by the records in the County assessment and Recorder of Deeds offices in and for the County, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or failing to find any owners or owners, then notice shall be given to the occupant, mortgagee, lessee, agent or any other person found with an interest in said dangerous building as the Borough may discover, and said notice shall inform the owner or other party to appear before the Council on a date specified to show cause why the building or structure reported as a dangerous building should not be repaired, demolished or vacated in accordance with any written report to Council or determination made by Council.
- b. Within not less than ten (10) days nor more than sixty (60) days from the date of such notice, hold a hearing and hear such testimony as the owner, occupant, mortgagee, lessee or other person having an interest in said building shall offer related to the dangerous building.
- c. The fee for said Hearing shall be paid by the owner, occupant, mortgagee, lessee, agent or any other person found with an interest in said dangerous building, and shall be in the amount of \$350.00.
- d. Within thirty (30) days of such hearing, make written findings of fact from the testimony offered pursuant to the hearing as to whether or not the building in question is a dangerous building.

- e. Within not more than thirty (30) days following the hearing provided for by subsection b. hereof, issue an order, based upon findings of fact made pursuant to subsection c. hereof, demanding the owner of said building to repair, demolish or vacate any building found to be a dangerous building.

Except as amended above, the ordinance shall remain the same.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED into an ordinance this 10th day of January, ~~2023~~²⁰²⁴, by the Council of the Borough of Gratz, County of Dauphin, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at a duly advertised regularly scheduled meeting.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF GRATZ:

Cindy Shade
Cindy Shade, Secretary

BY: Kylie Bender
Kylie Bender, President

Examined and approved this 10th day of January, ~~2023~~²⁰²⁴.

David Norris
DAVID NORRIS, MAYOR

