

ORDINANCE NO. 1991 -

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING INFORMATION REGARDING ADULT RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING INFORMATION NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH POPULATION FIGURES, TO PLAN FUTURE SERVICES AND TO ENSURE FAIRNESS OF TAXATION: PROVIDING DEFINITIONS, REQUIRING LESSORS TO FILE "STATUS OF OCCUPANCY REPORTS", AND PROVIDING PENALTIES

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF HALIFAX TOWNSHIP HEREBY ORDAINS AND ENACTS THE FOLLOWING:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.

The following words, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning:

LESSEE - That person or persons, including family members, who have the use of real estate of a lessor, but excluding those who are lessees for a period of less than thirty (30) days.

LESSOR - Any person who grants a lease or otherwise permits the use of his real estate or portion thereof, for or not for monetary consideration.

PERSON - Any adult person, partnership, association, firm or corporation.

SECTION 2. - TIME LIMIT FOR REPORTS.

All lessors, within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this Ordinance, or in case of real estate thereafter acquired or thereafter rented or becoming available for rental, within thirty (30) days after the acquisition, rental or availability for rental thereof, as the case may be, shall report to the Township Secretary, in writing, addresses to such officer at the Township office, the number of parcels or units of real estate presently or hereafter rented and available for rental, a description (by address, number and/or some other meaningful method) of said parcels or units and the names of its lessee at the time of such report together with a designation as to which unit or parcel is occupied by each.

SECTION 3. - CHANGES IN OCCUPANCY.

Any change in the occupancy of real estate rented or leased or in the identity of the lessee from that shown in the report of the lessor as required in Section 2 hereof shall be reported by the lessor to the Township Secretary within ten (10) days after such change. It is intended hereby that lessors shall report a new lessee or a lessee who rents or leases a different unit or

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parcel of the lessor's real estate and when a unit or parcel of their real estate becomes vacant.

SECTION 4. - REPORT FORMS.

The Township Secretary shall prepare a form report entitled "Status of Occupancy Report," which form report shall require that information set forth above and such other pertinent information that the Supervisors by resolution, may direct the Township Secretary to incorporate into said report form. The failure to have such report forms, however, shall not excuse the obligation of lessors to provide the information.

SECTION 5. - VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.

Any lessor violating any of the provisions of this chapter or who furnishes false information to the Township or who uses a false name or address in any report required by this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof before the District Justice, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00), and costs of prosecution, and in default of payment thereof, to suffer imprisonment in the Dauphin County Jail for not more than thirty (30) days.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED THIS 14th DAY OF January, 1991.

HALIFAX TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

Beth A. Fetterhoff
Secretary

Paul E. Clugston
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