Ordinance of the City of Jersey City, N.J.

Ord. 23-018 File No. Agenda No. 3.4 (1st Reading)

4.1 (2nd Reading and Final Passage) Agenda No.



AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 160 (FEES AND CHARGES1) SECTION 1 (FEE SCHEDULE ESTABLISHED) SUBSECTION X (CHAPTER 254 PROPERTY MAINTENANCE) ESTABLISHING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR LEAD-BASED HAZARD INSPECTION OF RENTAL UNITS PURSUANT TO P. L. 2021, C. 182 AND AMENDING CHAPTER 254 (PROPERTY MAINTENANCE) TO INCLUDE THE REGISTRATION OF PROPERTIES FOR COMPLIANCE UNDER THE LEAD HAZARD CONTROL ASSISTANCE ACT.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE offered and moved adoption of the following ordinance:

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APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM

Business Administrator

Corporation Counsel

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- 4.Such other information as the Division of Housing Preservation may require.
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C.Any person who signs the registration provided shall certify that all statements therein are, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, true and correct.

D.As used in this section "tenant turnover" means the time at which all existing occupants vacate a dwelling unit and new occupants move into the dwelling unit.

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N.J.S.A. 52:27D-437.16(c).

NOTE: All new material is <u>underlined</u> words <u>struck through</u> are omitted. For purposes of advertising only, new matter is **boldface** and repealed by *italics*.

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE ON INTRODUCTION – Feb 23 2023						
RIDLEY	AYE	SALEH	AYE	DEGISE	AYE	
PRINZ-AREY	AYE	SOLOMON	AYE	RIVERA	AYE	8-0
BOGGIANO	ABSENT	GILMORE	AYE	WATTERMAN, PRES	AYE	

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING – Mar 8 2023						
RIDLEY	AYE	SALEH	AYE	DEGISE	AYE	
PRINZ-AREY	AYE	SOLOMON	AYE	RIVERA	AYE	9-0
BOGGIANO	AYE	GILMORE	AYE	WATTERMAN, PRES.	AYE	

SPEAKERS:

Jeanne Daly

TABLED:

Motion to Table Ord. 23-018 by Rivera, Second: Saleh 9-0 - 3/8/2023

Motion to Remove Ord. 23-018 from the Tabled Agenda by Ridley, Second: Prinz-Arey - 8-0, DeGise, Absent - 12/13/2023

OTHER:

The Amendment was a significant change which required the Ordinance to be Re-Introduced on 12/13/2023 8-0, DeGise, Absent

Second Public Hearing Held on 1/10/2024, Motion: Rivera, Second: Prinz-Arey, 8-0, Saleh, Absent

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE ON AMENDMENTS, IF ANY – Dec 13 2023						
RIDLEY	AYE	SALEH	AYE	DEGISE	ABSENT	
PRINZ-AREY	AYE	SOLOMON	AYE	RIVERA	AYE	8-0
BOGGIANO	AYE	GILMORE	AYE	WATTERMAN, PRES.	AYE	

RECORD OF FINAL COUNCIL VOTE – Jan 10 2024						
RIDLEY	AYE	SALEH	AYE	DEGISE	AYE	
PRINZ-AREY	AYE	SOLOMON	AYE	RIVERA	AYE	9-0
BOGGIANO	AYE	GILMORE	AYE	WATTERMAN, PRES.	AYE	

Adopted on first reading of the Council of Jersey City, N.J. on <u>Feb 23 2023</u> Adopted on second and final reading after hearing on <u>Jan 10 2024</u>

This is to certify that the foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the Municipal Council at its meeting on Jan 10 2024

City Clerk

Joyce E. Watterman, President of Council

Approved: Jan 10 2024

Amendment(s):

Ord. 23-018

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Motion to Amend Ord. 23-018 by Rivera, Second: Watterman - 8-0, DeGise, Absent Amendments are attached to the Ordinance

Steven M. Fulop, Mayor

Date to Mayor: Jan 11 2024 Approved: Jan 11 2024

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FACT SHEET -

This summary sheet is to be attached to the front of any ordinance that is submitted for Council consideration. Incomplete or vague fact sheets will be returned with the ordinance.

Project Manager

Itza Wilson, S	upervisory Assistant Corporation Counsel	2015475229	iwilson@jcnj.org	
Department	Department of Law			
Division	Corporation Counsel			

Note: Project Manager must be available by phone during agenda meeting (Wednesday prior to council meeting @ 1:00 p.m.)

Meeting	Regular Meeting of Municipal Council - Dec 13 2023

Purpose

The law department submits this ordinance on behalf of the BA, to ensure the City's compliance with Lead Hazard Laws Pursuant to the Lead-Hazard Control Assistance Act (P. L. 2021, C. 182)

Cost (Identify all sources and amounts) Contract term (include all)

ATTACHMENTS:

<u>Proposed Amendment - 11.13.23 Chp 160- Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 160 and Chapter 254 - for Lead Hazard CAA</u>

Amendment to Ordinance 23-018 - 3.1.23 Chp 160- Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 160 and Chapter 254 - for Lead Hazard CAA

Approved by Status:

Itza Wilson, Supervisory Assistant Corporation CounselApproved - Feb 12 2023John Metro, Business AdministratorApproved - Feb 15 2023

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