

CHAPTER 11

HOUSING

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§101. Short Title. This Part shall be known as "The Hatfield Borough House and Apartment Registration Ordinance." (Ord. 277, 7/5/1979, §1)

§102. Purpose. The purpose of this Part is to establish a registry of the houses, apartments, and rooms within the Borough to aid in the administration of Borough affairs. (Ord. 277, 7/5/1979, §2)

§103. Definitions. The following terms when used in this Part shall have the meaning as hereinafter set forth:

OWNER - any person, who alone, jointly or severally with others, holds legal or equitable title to premises upon which and in which there is quarters for the housing of one (1) or more persons.

PERSON - an individual, firm, partnership, association or corporation.

ROOM - a space included within the building occupied by one (1) other than the owner or members of his immediate family.

(Ord. 277, 7/5/1979, §3)

§104. Registration of Houses, Apartments and Rooms. Every owner shall, between September 1st and October 1st of each year, register with the Borough, on forms provided by the Borough, all houses, other than those exclusively occupied by the owner and members of his immediate family, apartments and rooms, situate within the Borough as of September 1st of the year of registration.

A. Provided, however, that with regard to rooms, registration shall be of those individuals who are not transient in nature and who occupy the rooms as permanent residents.

B. No fee shall be charged by the Borough for such registration.

C. Within thirty (30) days of any change of either the identity of a tenant or lessee, and/or ownership of a house, apartment or room, the present owner or in the case of a transfer of ownership to a new owner, the new owner shall forthwith file the registration, as required by this §104.

D. An owner shall, at the same time, supply to the Borough his name and address, or the name and address of any agent for the purpose of serving the owner with all notices as may be required pursuant to the provisions of the Borough Council or the ordinances of the Borough.

(Ord. 277, 7/5/1979, §3)

§105. Inspection and Access.

1. The Zoning Officer, or his deputy, is hereby authorized and directed to conduct inspections from time to time to determine where there has been compliance with the registration provisions of this Part;

provided, however, that no such inspections shall be made without prior notice to the owner and occupants thereof and shall not without the consent of the occupants thereof be made other than during normal business hours.

2. For such purpose, and subject to the qualifications set forth herein, the Zoning Officer or deputy is authorized upon justification based upon reasonable belief of the existence of a violation to enter and examine any dwelling, yard or part of either, at any reasonable time, and every owner, operator or occupant shall provide access thereto.

(Ord. 277, 7/5/1979, §4)

§106. Penalties. Any person who shall violate any provision of this Part shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding six hundred (\$600.00) dollars and costs and, in default of payment thereof, shall be subject to imprisonment for a term not to exceed thirty (30) days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues shall constitute a separate offense. (Ord. 277, 7/5/1979, §5; as amended by Ord. 357, 10/16/1991)