ORDINANCE NO. 05-18

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 1375 OF THE EAST CLEVELAND CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CERTIFICATE OF BUSINESS LATE FEES.

Requested By: The Community Development Department
Sponsored By: Joie N. Graham, Council President

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of East Cleveland has identified the necessity to establish Certificate of Business Late Fees in order to encourage timely fee payment; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to amend East Cleveland Codified Ordinance Chapter 1375 by adding Section 1375.08 to provide for the imposition of Certificate of Occupancy Late Fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of East Cleveland, Ohio, three-fifths (3/5) concurring:

SECTION 1. There is currently no Section 1375.08 of the East Cleveland Codified Ordinances.

SECTION 2. Chapter 1375 of The East Cleveland Codified Ordinances is hereby to be AMENDED to include the following addition:

Any person or persons, agent or officer of a corporation who violates any provision of this Chapter shall be assessed a late fee of One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) if not received on or before December 1st of the year proceeding the period for which the Certificate of Business is issued under 1375.03. Any applications postmarked or received after the deadline date will be subject to this late fee. The Mayor shall have the power to revoke a Certificate of Business Occupancy if any false statement shall be made by the Applicant in connection with the issuance of such Certificate, or for non-compliance of a structure or its use within the requirements of this Housing Code, or if the owner, agent or person in charge of a structure refuses to comply with any provision of this Housing Code required to be observed by him or her. Any person or persons, agent or officer of a corporation who violates any provision of this Chapter shall have the right to appeal the decision within ten days from the date that the notice of such violation was given or mailed to him or her; and, have the ability to appear before the Board at a time and place fixed by the Board under Chapter 1311.03 at a cost of Twenty Five Dollars ($25.00). The fee must accompany the written request for an appeal. In the event the Building and Housing Department pursues court action to gain compliance, the fee is an additional One Hundred Dollars. The penalty for violations of Chapter 1375 include the possible institution of legal action as well as a fine of up to One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00 and imprisonment for not more

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than six (6) months for each offense. The penalty for non-compliance also constitutes having a block placed on the driver's license of the violator. Each day such violation occurs or continues constitutes a separate offense.

SECTION 3. That it is found and determined that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, in compliance with all legal requirements.

SECTION 4. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: April 3, 2018

JOIE GRAHAM  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL  
4/4/18

Date

ATTEST:

DR. KHADJAH F. GUY  
CLERK OF COUNCIL  
4/4/18

Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

WILLA M. HEMMONS  
DIRECTOR OF LAW

Emergency N/A  First Read 2/20/18  Second Read 4/3/18

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