

CITY OF BETHLEHEM

Department of Community and Economic Development

Interoffice Memo

TO: Adam Waldron, City Council President

FROM: Mike Simonson, Chief Code Official

RE: Amendments to Article 1739 – To bring Article 1739, Regulated Rental Units in line with the recent changes to the Zoning Ordinance that created the Student Housing Overlay

DATE: May 26, 2021

The City of Bethlehem's Housing Inspection Bureau is recommending that Council amend Article 1739 to bring the Article in line with the recent Zoning Ordinance changes that created a Student Housing Overlay District.

The amendments to the Article require the owner of a regulated rental property to furnish a copy of the lease at the request of the City of Bethlehem.

The changes also allow for the City to collect payment at the time of application and not at the time of inspection. The inspection can also now be performed at the time of application or at any time throughout the year.

Feel free to contact our office if you need additional information.

Attachments

CC: City Council Member
D. Heller

J. Spirk
W. Leeson

Mayor Donchez

A. Karner



Mike Simonson, BCO
Chief Code Official

BILL NO. ____ - 2021

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-_____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM, COUNTIES OF LEHIGH AND NORTHAMPTON, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ARTICLE 1739 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES WITH RESPECT TO THE TIMING INSPECTIONS AND PAYMENT OF FEES.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Article 1739.04.A.4.8 of the Codified Ordinances which presently reads as follows:

The OWNER shall furnish with his or her application, for inspection purposes only, the lease that has been entered into that will cover all of the license term. The license will not be issued if such lease is not furnished for inspection.

Is hereby removed.

SECTION 2. Article 1739.04.B.4.10.a of the Codified Ordinances which presently reads as follows:

Registration – The fee for a Residential Rental Registration shall be sixty dollars (\$60.00) per residential rental unit plus ten dollars (\$10.00) per occupant with a maximum of five (5) occupants per year due and payable at the time of ~~the scheduling of the original inspection.~~

is hereby amended and shall read as follows:

Registration – The fee for a Residential Rental Registration shall be sixty dollars (\$60.00) per residential rental unit plus ten dollars (\$10.00) per occupant with a maximum of five (5) occupants per year due and payable at the time of the application.

SECTION 3. Article 1739.04.C.4.13 of the Codified Ordinances which presently reads as follows:

All PREMISES shall be subject to periodic inspection by the CODE OFFICIAL or another duly authorized agent of the CITY as outlined in Section 1739.04.B.4.9. Such inspection may take place when an application is submitted for a License or at any time

during the year ~~when a property becomes subject to this Article~~. The fee for inspections are contained in Article 1731 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bethlehem, Section 1731.02.

is hereby amended and shall read as follows:

All PREMISES shall be subject to periodic inspection by the CODE OFFICIAL or another duly authorized agent of the CITY as outlined in Section 1739.04.B.4.9. Such inspection may take place when an application is submitted for a License or at any time during the year. The fee for inspections are contained in Article 1731 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bethlehem, Section 1731.02.

SECTION 4. All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Sponsored by _____

PASSED finally in Council on the _____ day of _____, 2021.

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk

This Ordinance approved this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Mayor