

BILL NO. 23-2023

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM, COUNTIES OF LEHIGH AND NORTHAMPTON, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ARTICLE 1731 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM, TITLED “INSPECTIONS”

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

SECTION 1: Subsections (a), (b), and (c) of Section 1731.01 of Article 1731 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bethlehem, titled “Inspections”, shall be amended as follows: (underlined text denotes additions, whereas ~~strikeouts~~ denote deletions):

- (a) All properties being offered for sale shall be inspected under Article 119 titled Registration, Sale and Transfer of Real Estate and be subject to Section 119.07 titled Rules and Regulations where applicable. In addition, all properties being offered for sale shall be subject to Section 119.04(b), titled Duties of Title Holder and Seller, including the requirement that every seller or his agent ~~to~~, within a reasonable time of offering for sale or listing for sale, but no later than ten (10) business days from the date on which the building or structure is offered or listed for sale, contact the Housing Inspections Officer for the City of Bethlehem to schedule an inspection of the building or structure. Sales inspection reports shall be valid for one (1) year from the date of the inspection.
- ~~(b) Every dwelling, commercial unit and structure that is a rental, shall be inspected for purposes of ascertaining compliance with City codes, each time the unit becomes vacant.~~
- ~~(c)~~ (b) All fraternities and sororities must be inspected annually.

SECTION 2: Subsection d) of Section 1731.01 of Article 1731 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bethlehem, titled “Inspections”, shall be amended as follows: (underlined text denotes additions, whereas ~~strikeouts~~ denote deletions):

~~d) The Certificate of Occupancy report shall be valid for one (1) year from the date of the original inspection or until such time as the property has become vacant, in the case of a rental dwelling, whichever time period is greater.~~

Subsequent subsections shall be re-lettered accordingly.

SECTION 3: That all ordinances and sections thereof that are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Sponsored by \_\_\_\_\_

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Passed finally in Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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President of Council

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

This Ordinance approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

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Mayor