ORDINANCE NO. 2015-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTERS 280-6 AND 280-7 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION I. Chapter 280-6 of the codified Ordinances of the Township of Ocean shall be deleted and replaced in its entirety with the following:

§280-6. Notice to owners or tenants.

After an investigation of any complaint of a resident, officer or employee of the Township relative to a violation of this Article, or upon his or her own motion, the Code Enforcement Officer shall make a written report of the conditions complained of to the Township Committee. If the reported conditions are found to exist the Township Committee shall direct the Code Enforcement Office to notify the owner, tenant or person in possession of the lands complained of, in writing, either personally or by registered mail, to remove such brush, weeds, dead or dying trees, stumps, obnoxious growth, filth, garbage, trash or other debris within ten (10) days after receipt of the notice. The Code Enforcement Officer shall reinspect the lands in questions after the ten-day period expires and report, in writing, to the Township Committee whether the condition complained of has been abated or remedied.

SECTION II. Chapter 280-7 of the codified Ordinances of the Township of Ocean shall be deleted and replaced in its entirety with the following:

§280-7. Removal by Township; costs established as a lien.

If the owner, tenant or person in possession of the lands in question fails to abate the condition complained of within ten (10) days after receipt of notice, the Code Enforcement Officer shall cause the condition complained of to be abated and shall certify the cost to the Township Committee, which shall examine the Certificate and, if it is correct, cause the cost as shown thereon to be charged against the lands. The amount so charged shall become a lien upon the lands and shall be added to and become a part of the taxes next to be assess and levied upon the lands, shall bear interest at the same rate as taxes, and shall be collected and enforced by the same officer and in the same

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manner as taxes. Costs shall be in addition to any penalties imposed for any violation of this Article. In addition to the actual costs incurred by the municipality for labor and the use of Township equipment, the lien shall also include an administrative fee in the amount of $250.00, which shall be included in said lien to cover the Township's administrative costs in addressing and abating the conditions complained of.

SECTION III. Any section, subsection, clause, phrase, ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION IV. This Ordinance shall take affect after second reading and publication as required by law.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed by the Township Committee of the Township of Ocean on first reading at a meeting held on the 13th day of August, 2015. The Ordinance will be considered for second and final reading at a meeting of the Township Committee which is scheduled for the 10th day of September, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached, at the Municipal Building located at 50 Railroad Avenue, Waretown, New Jersey, at which time the public is invited to ask questions, raise objections, or provide public comment with regard to the proposed adoption of this Ordinance.

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