

**TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO _____

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD,
COUNTY OF DELAWARE, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,
AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE 842, ADOPTED
JANUARY 14, 1969, AND KNOWN AS THE “CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF SPRINGFIELD” FURTHER SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 106,
“RENTAL DWELLING UNITS” AND ESTABLISHING SUBSECTION
106-G AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF LICENSE AND
INSPECTIONS TO REVOKE ANNUAL CERTIFICATES OF USE IN THE
EVENT THAT A PROPERTY INCURS MULTIPLE VIOLATIONS OF
TOWNSHIP ORDINANCES AND ANY OF SAID VIOLATIONS REMAIN
UNABATED FOR A PERIOD IN EXCESS OF 30 DAYS**

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of the Township of Springfield recognize that the purpose of Chapter 106, Rental Dwelling Units, in the Code of the Township of Springfield is to protect and promote the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Township; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 106, Rental Dwelling Units, of the Code of the Township of Springfield establishes obligations of property owners and tenants of rental units within the Township to maintain the quality of rental units by compliance with the provisions of Chapter 106 as well as all other applicable Township ordinances and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township have been made aware of the fact that numerous rental units within the Township fail to comply with all applicable Township ordinances and regulations, in particular but not limited to, regulations regarding property maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Springfield Township desire to authorize and empower the Springfield Township License & Inspections Department with the ability to revoke annual rental certificates of use in the event that a particular property multiple violations of any and all Township ordinances and regulations within a twelve (12) month period of time.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED THAT:

SECTION I: Chapter 106, Rental Dwelling Units, of the Code of the Township of Springfield is hereby amended to include the following Subsection 106-3G, as follows:

§ 106-3. Issuance of certificates of use; fees

G. In the event a dwelling unit property receives multiple citations for violations of any and all applicable Township ordinances and regulations within a twelve (12) month period and any of such violations remain unabated for a period in excess of thirty (30) days, the Director of the License & Inspections Department and/or Township Manager shall issue notice to the property owner and tenants thereof that the annual certificate of use is revoked.

SECTION II: Any and all Ordinances and/or Resolutions, or parts thereof, conflicting herewith are repealed insofar as the matters herein are affected.

SECTION III: The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if any clause, sentence, subsection or section hereof shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, invalid or unconstitutional, such judgment or decision shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder but shall be confined in its operation and application to the clause, sentence, subsection or section rendered. It is hereby declared the intent of the Board of Commissioners that this ordinance would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional clause, sentence, subsection, or section had not been included therein.

SECTION IV: This is effective ten (10) days following final adoption by the Board of Commissioners and publication as required by law, and shall remain in effect hereafter until revised, amended, or revoked by action of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Springfield.

PROPOSED by the Township Board of Commissioners this 8th day of October, 2019.

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

By: _____

Jeffrey Rudolph, President
Board of Commissioners

Attest: _____

Lee Fulton, Secretary