### BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK County of Somerset

## ORDINANCE No. 15-\_07

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XV, HOUSING, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK, TO AMEND PENALTIES

**BE IT ORDAINED,** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bound Brook, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 15-24, "Penalties For Failure To Register As A Landlord Or Tenant," is hereby amended and supplemented by deleting the text [marked in bold and enclosed in brackets] and inserting the text underlined and marked in bold, to read as follows:

# 15-24 PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO REGISTER AS A LANDLORD OR TENANT

- a. First offense: a fine not exceeding one hundred (\$100.00) dollars.
- b. Subsequent offenses: a fine not exceeding two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars [five hundred (\$500.00) per offense] or imprisonment for a period not exceeding 90 days, or to a period of community service not exceeding 90 days.
  - c. Commencing ten (10) days after service of notice for the first offense, each day a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.
- SECTION 2. Section 15-25, "Penalties For Allowing Occupancy Of A Rental Unit Without A Valid Rental Permit," is hereby amended and supplemented by deleting the text [marked in bold and enclosed in brackets] and inserting the text underlined and marked in bold, to read as follows:
  - 15-25 PENALTIES FOR ALLOWING OCCUPANCY OF A RENTAL UNIT WITHOUT A VALID RENTAL PERMIT
- a. First offense: a fine not exceeding one hundred (\$100.00) [two hundred (\$200.00)] dollars.
- b. Subsequent offenses: <u>a fine not exceeding two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars</u> [five hundred (\$500.00) per offense] <u>or imprisonment for a period not exceeding 90 days, or to a period of community service not exceeding 90 days.</u>
- c. Commencing ten (10) days after service of notice for the first offense, each day a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.
- d. Whenever a fine is to be imposed in an amount greater than \$1,250 for violations of housing codes, the owner shall be provided a 30-day period during which the

owner shall be afforded the opportunity to cure or abate the condition and shall be afforded the opportunity for a hearing before the Court for an independent determination concerning the violation. Subsequent to the expiration of the 30-day period, a fine greater than \$1,250 may be imposed if the Court has not determined otherwise or, upon reinspection of the property, it is determined that the abatement has not been substantially completed.

## SECTION 2. Severability Clause.

If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance and they shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

## SECTION 3. Repealer.

All other ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency. In the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any prior ordinance of the Borough, the provisions hereof shall be determined to govern. All other parts, portions and provisions of the Ordinances of the Borough are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms hereof.

#### SECTION 4. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect, following adoption and publication in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.

By:

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK

Donna Marie Godleski

Date of Introduction: February 24, 2015 Date of Adoption: March 10, 2015

Borough Clerk

Robert Fazen

Mayor