

**CITY COUNCIL**

**The City of Orange Township, New Jersey**

DATE December 20, 2022

NUMBER 494-2022

**TITLE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO LIEN PROPERTIES AND BILL PROPERTY OWNERS AND COLLECT REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENDITURES MADE BY THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP FOR THE ABATEMENT OF CODE VIOLATIONS TO BRING THE PROPERTY IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Orange Township may issue code violations to property owners requiring corrective action in the form of cutting overgrowth of vegetation, (grass, weds, shrubs, and/or hedges) and/or removal of debris, fallen branches, and/or trees, board and secure vacant structures to bring said property in compliance with the Property Maintenance Code; and

**WHEREAS**, from the initial date of the code violation(s), which may be a health and safety issue, the property owner has five days to abate the code violation(s); and

**WHEREAS**, if the violation is of emergent matter, the property shall be cleaned immediately; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Orange will make a final attempt to contact the property owner, by any one of the three following means of communication, letter, email or telephone and for anything other than an emergent matter shall issue warnings and/or notices to abate the code violation(s); and

**WHEREAS**, after attempts have been made by the City of Orange to the property owner to abate the violation(s), to no avail, the City of Orange may take action to abate the violation(s) at the expense of the property owner; and

**WHEREAS**, if the City of Orange takes action to abate the violation(s), it will be necessary to place a lien on the property in order to seek reimbursement from the property owner for the funds expended by the City of Orange; and

**WHEREAS**, it may be necessary for the City of Orange to expend funds from its revolving lien account for the abatement of the violations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tax Collector is authorized to lien the property and take whatever action is necessary to accomplish reimbursement from the property owners for the expenditures.

Adopted: **December 20, 2022**

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