CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA ORDINANCE NO. 5334

Bill No. 9 of 2022

Introduced in Council April 20, 2022

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN, PART FOURTEEN – BUILDING AND HOUSING CODE, TITLE TWO – BUILDING AND HOUSING STANDARDS, CHAPTER 1428, SECTION 1428.99, PENALTY, ORD. 5144. PASSED 3-5-14; ORD. 5238. PASSED 9-13-17, AMENDING PROPERTY MAINTENANCE RULES AND REGULATIONS.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Johnstown, Cambria County, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, that the City of Johnstown Code of Ordinances, Part Fourteen - International Property Maintenance Code, Title Two, Chapter 1428, is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1428.99. PENALTY., IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ:

The City may institute proceedings under this chapter by the issuance of a "notice of violation letter," assessing a civil penalty of twenty five dollars (\$25.00) fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each offense, and provide the parties in violation of said chapter the opportunity to abate the violation and pay said civil penalty in lieu of the institution of proceedings and the imposition of the other stated penalties set forth herein. If abatement of property violations does not occur, the City Manager and/or his designee may enlist the aid of a collections agency to collect unpaid violation penalties. City employees may also enter the property to remediate the violation at the expense of the property owner. The City, through its City Manager, Code Enforcement Officer and/or Solicitor, is authorized to file a non-traffic criminal citation pursuant to the Rule of Criminal Procedure 4403 as a summary offense punishable by a one thousand dollar (\$1,000.00) up to two thousand five hundred dollar (\$2,500.00) fine and/or 90 days of imprisonment. Pursuant to the Rule of Criminal Procedure 4462(b) the City, through its Solicitor, may prosecute any de novo summary appeal of any conviction of such violations as approved by the District Attorney's Office, Cambria County, Pennsylvania via written correspondence on June 22, 2017. If no specific penalty is provided then Section 202.99 for general code violations.

ADOPTED:

By the following vote:

Yeas: Mr. Arnone, Mr. Britt, Ms. Huchel, Mrs. Mock, Mayor Janakovic, Rev. King

Nays: Mr. Capriotti

Frank J. Janakovic, Mayor Michael Capriotti, Deputy Mayor

ATTEST:

I do hereby certify the forgoing is true and correct copy of Ordinance No. **5334** as the same adopted by City Council of the City of Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Ethan Imhoff, City Manager