

ORDINANCE NO. 601

**EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

AN ORDINANCE OF EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING PART II: GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 159: “RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY LICENSING AND REGISTRATION”; REPEALING INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Second Class Township Code, 53 Pa. C.S. § 66506, authorizes the Board of Supervisors of East Norriton Township (“the Board”) to make, amend, and adopt ordinances that are consistent with the constitution and laws of the Commonwealth when necessary for the proper management, care and control of the Township and the maintenance of peace, good government, health, safety, and welfare of East Norriton Township (the “Township”) and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, residents of the Township deserve to live in safe and habitable properties within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to ensure that property owners and property occupants share responsibilities to comply with the Township’s codes and ordinances and to avoid creating nuisances for neighboring properties; and

WHEREAS, all dwelling units and commercial units within properties located within the Township need to be known, identified, accessible, and able to be located by the Township in case emergency responders need to respond to the unit and/or property; and

WHEREAS, the Township has established a residential rental housing licensing and inspection program codified as Chapter 159 “Residential Rental Property Licensing and Registration” in the East Norriton Township Code of Ordinances (the “Code”) to create safe, habitable and orderly rental properties within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to amend the portion of Chapter 159 of the Code pertaining to the payment of the annual licensing fee to streamline administration of the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it, and it is hereby **ORDAINED** by the East Norriton Township Board of Supervisors, and it is hereby **ENACTED** and **ORDAINED** by authority of same as follows:

SECTION 1: AMENDMENT OF THE CODE

Article II, General Legislation, Chapter 159, “Residential Rental Property Licensing and Registration”, Section 159-4, “Residential rental unit licensing” is hereby amended to delete Subsection D in its entirety and replace with the following which shall state:

§ 159-4 Residential rental unit licensing.

~~D. Annual license fee. Each applicant for a license to operate a residential rental unit shall, at the time of application and each year thereafter, pay an annual fee of \$50 per unit, except that a fee will not be paid for an owner-occupied dwelling. Any owner of a residential rental unit who fails to pay the required license fee within 30 days from the date of application will be charged an additional \$10 per unit per month, as a penalty. The Board of Supervisors may adjust these fees from time to time.~~

D. Annual license fee. Each applicant for a license to operate a residential rental unit shall, at the time of application and each year thereafter, pay the annual fee as set forth by the Board of Supervisors, except that a fee will not be paid for an owner-occupied dwelling. Any owner of a residential rental unit who fails to pay the required license fee within 30 days shall be charged a penalty. The Annual License Fee and penalty for failure to remit payment of the same shall be as set forth in the annually adopted fee schedule resolution of the Board of Supervisors.

SECTION 2: REPEALER.

All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of inconsistency.

SECTION 3: SEVERABILITY.

The terms, conditions and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and should any portion, part or provision of this Ordinance be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, the East Norriton Township Board of Supervisors hereby declares its intent that the Ordinance shall have been enacted without regard to the invalid, unenforceable, or unconstitutional portion, part or provision of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4: EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately after enactment.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of East Norriton Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, this 28th day of March, 2023.

Attest:



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert R. Hart".

Robert R. Hart, Esq., Secretary

**EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis DeSanto Jr.". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Dennis DeSanto Jr.
Chairman