

ORDINANCE NO. 2276-17

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY
ESTABLISHING AN ABANDONED PROPERTY LIST AND AUTHORIZING THE
PUBLIC OFFICER TO DESIGNATE QUALIFIED REHABILITATION ENTITIES**

WHEREAS, the City of Woodbury contains a number of vacant buildings that have been abandoned by their owners, and that are in a state of disrepair and neglect; and

WHEREAS, these buildings, by virtue of their condition and their proximity to other buildings, are diminishing the value of neighboring properties and have a negative effect on the quality of life of adjacent residents and property owners, increasing the risk of property damage through arson and vandalism and discouraging neighborhood stability and revitalization; and

WHEREAS, many of these buildings, or the land on which they are situated, can be used for productive purposes, which will further the revitalization of the City of Woodbury and improve its economic and social condition; and

WHEREAS, the City of Woodbury desires to use the powers granted local governments under the laws of the State of New Jersey to address the conditions created by these buildings, and further their reuse for productive purposes; and

WHEREAS, by creating an abandoned property list, as set forth in Section 36 of P.L.1996, c.62 (C.55:19-55) as amended by Section 28 of P.L.2003, c.210, the municipality will better be able to address the conditions created by these buildings, and further their reuse for productive purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Woodbury passed Chapter 146 Property, Abandoned pursuant to C.55:19-55, et seq. to establish the standards and procedures for creating an abandoned property list; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to direct the Public Officer to establish an abandoned property list pursuant to Chapter 146 and *N.J.S.A. 55:19-55*, et seq.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Woodbury as follows:

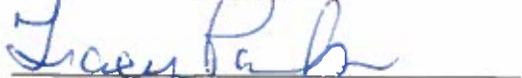
- (1) The Assistant Building Inspector is hereby designated the Public Officer pursuant to C.55:19-55, et seq., C.55:19-78, et seq., Chapter 146 and C.40:48-2.5, et seq.) and directed to identify abandoned properties within the municipality, place said properties on an abandoned property list established as provided in Section 36 of P.L.1996, c.62 (C.55:19-55), as amended by Section 28 of P.L.2003, c.210, and provide such notices and carry out such other tasks as are required to effectuate an abandoned property list as provided by law.

- (2) The abandoned property list shall apply to the City of Woodbury as a whole.
- (3) The Assistant Building Inspector of the City of Woodbury is hereby designated as the public officer for the purpose of carrying out the responsibilities established by this ordinance, and shall have all the responsibilities and powers provided by law.
- (4) The Public Officer shall exercise the authority granted the municipality pursuant to Section 13 of P.L.2003, c. 210, to designate qualified rehabilitation entities to act as the designee of the municipality with respect to the provisions of that section.
- (5) The Public Officer shall provide a report to the Mayor and governing body every six months, with respect to the number and location of properties on the abandoned property list, the status of those properties, and any actions taken by the municipality or by any qualified rehabilitation entity designated pursuant to the authority granted the public officer with respect to any property on the list or any other abandoned property within City of Woodbury.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication as required by law.

THE FOREGOING was introduced by the City Council of the City of Woodbury at a regular meeting held on December 12, 2017. This Ordinance will be considered for adoption at final reading and public hearing to be held on December 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. or at such time as may be determined and announced, in City Hall, Council Chambers, 33 Delaware Street, Woodbury, New Jersey, at which time and place all persons interested will be given the opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance. During the time prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said Ordinance will be made available at the City Clerk's Office to the members of the general public who may request same.

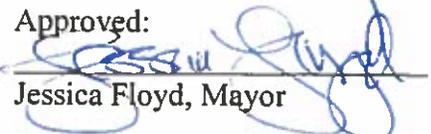
CITY OF WOODBURY



Tracey Parker,
President of Council

Attest: 
Daneen Fuss, City Clerk

Approved:


Jessica Floyd, Mayor

Council Member	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Councilwoman Carter	✓			
Councilman Fleming				✓
Councilman Johnson				✓
Councilman McIlvaine	✓			
Councilwoman O'Connor	✓			
Councilman Reddin				✓
Councilman Swanson	✓			
Councilwoman Tierney	✓			
Council President Parker	✓			
Mayor Floyd				

CERTIFICATION

I, Daneen D. Fuss hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was adopted after public hearing by the City Council, of the City of Woodbury, in the County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey at a meeting held on 12-26-17 at the Municipal Building, 33 Delaware Street, Woodbury, New Jersey 08096.

Daneen D. Fuss
City Clerk