

INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. ___ OF 2024

**A LOCAL LAW OF THE CITY OF PORT JERVIS, COUNTY OF ORANGE,
AMENDING SECTIONS 415-10 OF THE CITY CODE-PROPERTIES: ABANDONED,
VACANT, BOARDED, AND FORECLOSED AND 280-15: FEES FOR VACANT AND
ABANDONED BUILDINGS**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORT JERVIS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Purpose

There are properties within the City of Port Jervis that remain abandoned or vacant in excess of ten years. Currently, the City Code only provides for fines up to the tenth year of abandonment or vacancy. The Common Council deems it necessary to expand the fine schedule set forth in City Code Chapter 415 and the fee schedule set forth in City Code Chapter 280 to include fines for abandoned or vacant buildings beyond ten years.

Section 2.

- A. The City of Port Jervis Code, Chapter 415 entitled Properties: Abandoned, Vacant, Boarded, And Foreclosed, shall be amended by adding the following subsection to Section 415-10(A) entitled Fees for vacant or abandoned buildings:

(10) For each year after the tenth year that the building remains abandoned or vacant, the annual fee will increase by \$1,000 over the fee assessed in the previous year. By way of example, the annual fee in Year 11 will be \$11,200.00 and the annual fee in Year 12 will be \$12,200.00.

- B. The City of Port Jervis Code, Chapter 280 entitled Fees, shall be amended by adding the following sentence to the end of subsection B. of Section 280-15 entitled Fees:

For each year after the tenth year that the building remains abandoned or vacant as described in City Code 415-10(A)(9), the annual fee will increase by \$1,000 over the fee assessed in the previous year. By way of example, the annual fee in Year 11 will be \$11,200.00 and the annual fee in Year 12 will be \$12,200.00.

Section 3. Separability

If any provision of this local law or the application thereof to any person or circumstance be adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the part or provision or application directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of this local law or the application thereof to other persons or circumstances, and the Common Council of the City of Port Jervis hereby declares that it would have passed this local law or the remainder thereof had such invalid application or invalid provision been apparent.

Section 4. Repeal

All ordinances, local laws and parts thereof inconsistent with this Local Law are hereby repealed.

Section 5. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.