

ORDINANCE 2006-13

ESTABLISHING A REGISTRATION PROGRAM FOR RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTIES; REQUIRING ALL OWNERS OF RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTIES TO DESIGNATE AN AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS; AND PRESCRIBING DUTIES OF OWNERS, AGENTS AND OCCUPANTS; DIRECTING THE DESIGNATION OF AGENTS; ESTABLISHING FEES FOR THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REGISTRATION OF RENTAL PROPERTY; AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HAZLETON and it is hereby ordained and with the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION. *The following words, when used in this ordinance, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except in those instances where the context clearly indicates otherwise. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future; words in the plural number include the singular number; words in the singular shall include the plural, and words in the masculine shall include the feminine and the neuter.*

- a. **AGENT** - Individual of legal majority who has been designated by the Owner as the agent of the Owner or manager of the Property under the provisions of this ordinance.
- b. **CITY** - City of Hazleton
- c. **CITY CODE** - the building code (property Maintenance Code 1996 as amended or superseded) officially adopted by the governing body of the City, or other such codes officially designated by the governing body of the City for the regulation of construction, alteration, addition, repair, removal, demolition, location, occupancy and maintenance of buildings and structures.
- d. **ZONING ORDINANCE** - Zoning ordinance as officially adopted by the City of Hazleton, File of Council # 95-26 (as amended).
- e. **OFFICE** - The Office of Code Enforcement for the City of Hazleton.
- f. **DWELLING UNIT** - a single habitable unit, providing living facilities for one or more persons, including permanent space for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and bathing and sanitation, whether furnished or unfurnished. There may be more than one Dwelling Unit on a Premises.
- g. **DORMITORY** - a residence hall offered as student or faculty housing to accommodate a college or university, providing living or sleeping rooms for individuals or groups of individuals, with or without cooking facilities and with or without private baths

