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ORDINANCE NO. 12

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BERWICK , ADAMS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF CERTAIN RENTAL UNITS TO FURNISH TO THE TOWNSHIP SECRETARY, IN FEBRUARY OF EACH YEAR, THE IDENTITIES OF RESIDENTS OF THE OWNER'S RENTAL UNITS, PROVIDING DEFINITIONS, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION\_ THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Berwick Township Board of Supervisors, Adams County, Pennsylvania.

SECTION 1. Definitions. For the purposes of this ordinance, the following terms shall be defined as contained herein:

a) Rental Unit - That portion of a dwelling rented or offered for rent for living and dwelling purposes or any lots rented for the placement of mobile homes to an individual or family unit together with all privileges, services, furnishings, furniture, equipment, facilities and improvements connected with the use or occupancy of such portion of the property.

b) Owner - Owner, Manager, Managing Agent, or other person, partnership or corporation responsible for the operation of a rental unit.

c) Resident - All occupants or inhabitants, of a rental unit, other than the owners, who is a permanent resident of the Township of

Berwick, but excluding transient or tourist persons who have stayed or intend to stay thirty (30) days or less.

SECTION 2. To enable the Township of Berwick to more equitably and efficiently assess and levy taxes on taxable residents within the said Township, each owner of a rental unit shall report to the Secretary of the Township of Berwick between February 1st and 15th of each year, the identities of all residents of the owner's rental unit or units. The owner shall also report any and all changes in occupancy that shall occur during the year within 30 days of the change. The report of such residents shall be made in writing on such forms as shall be prescribed by the Township. Should the Township fail to prescribe or have available forms for the aforementioned reports, then such report shall be made by the owner in writing, to the Township Secretary.

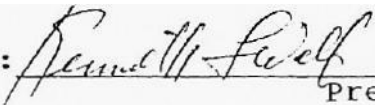
SECTION 3. The failure of any owner of a rental unit to make a report as hereinbefore set forth shall be punished, after conviction before any District Magistrate, by a fine of not less than Ten (\$10.00) Dollars, nor more than Three-Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars and costs of prosecution or shall be sentenced to imprisonment for a period not less than one (1) day nor more than thirty ( 30) days as now or hereafter provided by law. Every unreported change shall constitute a separate offense hereunder and shall be punishable as such.

SECTION 4. The provisions of this ordinance are severable and if any provision or part thereof shall be held invalid or unconstitutional or inapplicable to any person or circumstances, such invalidity, unconstitutionally or inapplicability shall not affect or impair the remaining provisions of the ordinance.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall become effective March 1, 1986.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 10th day of February \_\_\_\_\_, 1986 -

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF  
BERWICK TOWNSHIP

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
President

Attest:

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Secretary