

BOROUGH OF CHAMBERSBURG
ORDINANCE NUMBER 2020 -

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF
CHAMBERSBURG TO REVISE THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 236
OF THE RENTAL PROPERTY CHAPTER AS IT RELATES TO
INSPECTION FEES

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough of Chambersburg and it is hereby ordained by authority of the same as follows:

Section 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. The recent experience with COVID-19 has brought to the attention of Borough Council the need for more flexibility in the timing of the billing and payment of the annual inspection fee for rental properties. The following amendments are adopted accordingly.

Section 2. PARAGRAPH A. of Section 236-9 of Chapter 236 is hereby revised to read as follows:

A. The owner of a residential rental unit shall be billed annually for a portion of the total program costs of the inspections contemplated by this article. Council, by resolution, shall establish the inspection fee annually and invoices mailed to owners of each rental unit before September 30 of each year. Invoices are due upon receipt and must be paid prior to December 31 of each year. The foregoing notwithstanding, in times of community emergency, Council may, by resolution, extend the due date for payment to a later date. In the event of any such change, rental property owners will be notified.

Section 3. PARAGRAPH C. of Section 236-9 of Chapter 236 is hereby revised by rewording the first sentence thereof as follows:

C. In those instances in which a valid certificate of compliance is issued based upon a qualified inspection described in Subsection C(1) and (2) below, if the certificate of compliance is dated less than three years from December 31 of the then current year, no inspection fee will be required as to those residential rental units for which a certificate of compliance has been properly issued.

Section 4. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and if any of its sections, clauses or sentences shall be held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional, such provision shall not affect or impair any other sections, clauses or sentences of the same.

Section 5. Effective Date. The provisions of this ordinance shall become effective in accord with law.

Enacted by the Mayor and Town Council of the Borough of Chambersburg this ____ day of _____, 2020.

ATTEST:

President of Town Council

Secretary of Town Council

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Kristine Baker, Assistant Borough Secretary, hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was advertised in the Public Opinion on _____, 2020, a newspaper of general circulation in the Municipality and was duly enacted and approved as set forth at a Regular Public Meeting of the Council held _____, 2020.

Kristine Baker, Assistant Secretary