

## **CHAPTER 11**

### **HOUSING**

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**PART 1**

**HOUSE AND APARTMENT REGISTRATION**

**§11-101. Short Title.**

This Part shall be known as the “Ambler Borough House and Apartment Registration Ordinance.”

(Ord. 652, 2/16/1976, §1)

**§11-102. Purpose.**

The purpose of this Part is to establish a registry of the houses, apartments and rooms within the Borough of Ambler to aid in the administration of the Borough affairs.

(Ord. 652, 2/16/1976, §2)

**§11-103. Definitions.**

1. The following terms, when used in this Part, shall have the meanings as hereinafter set forth:

OWNER — any person, who alone, jointly or severally with others, holds legal or equitable title to premises upon which and in which there is quarters for the housing of one or more persons.

PERSON — an individual, firm, partnership, association or occupation.

REGISTRATION OF HOUSES, APARTMENTS AND ROOMS — every owner shall, between September 1<sup>st</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, register with the Borough, on forms provided by the Borough, all houses, other than those exclusively occupied by the owner and members of his immediate family, apartments and rooms situate within the Borough of Ambler as of September 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of registration.

Provided, however, that with regard to rooms, registration shall be of those individuals who are not transient in nature and who occupy the rooms as permanent residents.

2. The fee for such registration is hereby set in an amount as established, from time to time, by resolution of Borough Council per registered dwelling. The fee will not be charged for any unit that is not actually rented or which is not for rent at the time of registration, although such units must still be registered. No fee shall be charged for a unit in which the registrant resides. [A.O.]

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3. Within 30 days of any change of either the identity of a tenant or lessee or the name and address of any agent for the purpose of serving the owner will all notices as may be required pursuant to the provisions of the Borough Council or the ordinances of the Borough of Ambler.

ROOM — a space included within the building occupied by one other than the owner or members of his immediate family.

(Ord. 652, 2/16/1976, §3; as amended by Ord. 935, 12/30/1997; as amended by A.O.

### **§11-104. Inspection and Access.**

1. The Zoning Officer or his deputy is hereby authorized and directed to conduct inspections, from time to time, to determine where there has been compliance with the registration provisions of this Part; provided, however, that no such inspections shall be made without prior notice to the owner or occupants thereof and shall not without the consent of the occupants thereof be made other than during normal business hours.
2. For such purpose, and subject to the qualifications set forth herein, the Zoning Officer or deputy is authorized upon justification based upon reasonable belief of the existence of a violation to enter and examine any dwelling, yard or part of either, at any reasonable time and every owner, operator or occupant shall provide access thereto.

(Ord. 652, 2/16/1976, §4)

### **§11-105. Penalties.**

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 30 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues or each Section of this Part which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense.

(Ord. 652, 2/16/1976, §5; as amended by Ord. 785, 11/21/1983; and by A.O.