

Vacant Property Registration Program

- ◆ This program seeks to create financial disincentives for property owners to leave their buildings vacant rather than putting them back into productive use.
- ◆ Penalizes those property owners who allow their buildings to fall into such serious disrepair as to become a visual and physical blight on the community.
- ◆ Enhances public safety by allowing police and fire department officials to monitor those properties most vulnerable for crime, vandalism and fire.
- ◆ The Vacant Property Registration presents an opportunity for property owners to work with City officials and community representatives to develop, sell or utilize properties.
- ◆ This Program applies to all Property, Commercial, Residential, Single Family, and Multi-Family Real Estate.
- ◆ All Vacant properties must be registered within 30 days of the vacancy
- ◆ The property must be secured as necessary to ensure against any unlawful entry
- ◆ Properties must be maintained in accordance will all City Ordinances and State Laws & Regulations
- ◆ All Vacant properties will be inspected by the Code Enforcement Office pursuant to Section 175.8 (Inspections) of the Vacant Property Registration Ordinance
- ◆ Public Education will take place through tax bill notices, social media, Channel 15, and the city's website
- ◆ Implementation— January 1, 2020

Registration Fees:

-0-6 Months: No Fee

-6-12 Months: \$25.00 (this fee can be waived if the property is being “actively marketed” with a licensed Realty Company)

-12 Months: \$50.00 Annual Fee (each year until the property becomes occupied and a certificate of compliance has been issues pursuant to Section 175.11 (Re-Occupancy) of the Vacant Property Registration Ordinance

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