

**BOROUGH OF ALLENTOWN  
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**ORDINANCE NO. 05-2017**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ALLENTOWN,  
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
ESTABLISHING AN ABANDONED PROPERTY LIST,  
DESIGNATING A PUBLIC OFFICER, AND AUTHORIZING  
THE PUBLIC OFFICER TO DESIGNATE QUALIFIED  
REHABILITATION ENTITIES**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Allentown (the "Borough") contains a number of vacant buildings that have been abandoned by their owners, and that are in a state of disrepair and neglect; and

**WHEREAS**, these buildings, by virtue of their condition and their proximity to other buildings, are diminishing the value of neighboring properties and have a negative effect on the quality of life of adjacent residents and property owners, increasing the risk of property damage through arson and vandalism and discouraging neighborhood stability and revitalization; and

**WHEREAS**, many of these buildings, or the land on which they are situated, can be used for productive purposes, which will further the revitalization of the Borough and improve its economic and social condition; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough desires to use the powers granted local government under the laws of the State of New Jersey to address the conditions created by these buildings, and further their reuse for productive purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, by creating an abandoned property list, as set forth in N.J.S.A. 55:19-55, the Borough will be better able to address the conditions created by these buildings, and further their reuse for productive purposes;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** as follows:

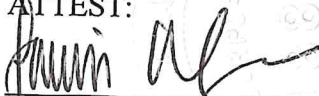
**ALLENTOWN BOROUGH**

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- (1) The Borough's Code Enforcement Official is hereby directed to identify abandoned properties within the municipality, place said properties on an abandoned property list established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 55:19-55, and provide such notices and carry out such other tasks as are required to effectuate an abandoned property list as provided by law.
- (2) The abandoned property list established herein shall apply to the Borough as a whole and in its entirety.
- (3) The Code Enforcement Official is hereby designated as the public officer for purpose of carrying out the responsibilities and powers provided by law.
- (4) The Code Enforcement Official shall exercise the authority granted to the Borough pursuant to N.J.S.A. 55:19-90 to designate qualified rehabilitation entities to act as the designee of the Borough as provided by law.
- (5) The Code Enforcement Official shall provide a report to the Borough's governing body every six months with respect to the number and location of properties on the abandoned property list, the status of those properties, and any actions taken by the Borough or by any qualified rehabilitation entity designated pursuant to the authority granted to the Code Enforcement Official with respect to any property on the list or any other abandoned property within the Borough of Allentown.
- (6) This ordinance shall be in full force and take effect twenty (20) days after final passage and publication, as required by law.

  
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GREGORY WESTFALL, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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LAURIE A. GAVIN, Borough Clerk

DATED: 6/13/2017

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading on the 23rd day of May, 2017, at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allentown and will be taken up for final consideration and passage at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Allentown to be held on the 13th day of June, 2017 at the Municipal Building, 8 N. Main Street, Allentown, New Jersey.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laurie A. Gavin", written over a horizontal line.

LAURIE A. GAVIN, Borough Clerk