

ORDINANCE #19-2016

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ABANDONED PROPERTY LIST,
DESIGNATING A PUBLIC OFFICER AND AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC
OFFICER TO DESIGNATE QUALIFIED REHABILITATION ENTITIES**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Clayton 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 of Clayton and improve its economic and social condition; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Clayton desire to use the powers granted local governments 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 it, as set forth in Section 36 of P.L. 1996, c.62(D.55:19-55) as amended by Section 28 of P.L.2003, c.210, the Borough of Clayton will better be able to address the conditions created by these buildings, and further their reuse for productive purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

1. That the Code Enforcement Officer is hereby directed to identify abandoned properties within the Borough of Clayton, place said properties on an abandoned property list established as provided in Section 36 of P.L. 1996, c.62 (D.55:19-55), as amended by Section 28 of P.L.2003, c.210, 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 shall apply to the Borough of Clayton as a whole.
3. The Code Enforcement Officer is hereby designated as the public officer for the purpose of carrying out the responsibilities established by this Ordinance, and shall have all the responsibilities and powers provided by law.
4. The Code Enforcement Officer shall exercise the authority granted the Borough of Clayton pursuant to Section 13 of P.L.2003, c.210, to designate qualified rehabilitation entities to act as the designee of the Borough with respect to the provisions of that section.
5. The public officer shall provide a report to the Mayor and 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 the public officer with respect to any

property on the list or any other abandoned property within the Borough of Clayton.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon formal approval by the Clayton Borough Council and publication as required by law.

BOROUGH OF CLAYTON



THOMAS BIANCO, Mayor

Attest:



CHRISTINE NEWCOMB, Borough Clerk

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TAKE NOTE that the foregoing ordinance was introduced at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Clayton held on August 11, 2016 and was then read for the first time. The said ordinance will be further considered for final passage by the Mayor and Council at the Municipal Building, 125 N. Delsea Drive, Clayton, New Jersey, at a meeting beginning 7:30 p.m. on September 8, 2016, at which time and place, or any time and place to which such meeting be adjourned, all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance.

BY ORDER of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Clayton.

Christine Newcomb
Borough Clerk

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TAKE NOTE that the foregoing Ordinance was finally adopted by the Mayor
and Council of the Borough of Clayton on September 8, 2016

Christine Newcomb
Borough Clerk