

**BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON
COUNTY OF WARREN**

ORDINANCE NO. 4 -2011

Repealing Abandoned Properties Ordinance

WHEREAS, the Borough of Washington adopted Ordinance No. 7-2009 entitled “An Ordinance Adding New Chapter 30 Entitled ‘Buildings Abandoned’ to the Code of the Borough of Washington to Establish an Abandoned Property List With Authorization for the Borough Manager to Designate Qualified Rehabilitation Entities and Amending Chapter 31 of the Code of the Borough of Washington;” and

WHEREAS, the Great Recession has substantially diminished the financial capacity of the Borough of Washington and imposed economic challenges on many of its taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Washington, in an attempt to create a more cost efficient, less expensive form of government, has analyzed its operations in an attempt to identify those programs that can either be eliminated or suspended; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 7-2009 envisioned that there would be substantial redevelopment activities in the Borough of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Great Recession has substantially diminished the current opportunities for redevelopment within the Borough of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Great Recession has also caused the foreclosure of many properties within the Borough which and has caused the cost and effort to maintain the abandoned properties list as required by Ordinance No. 7-2009 to increase. This, in turn, has required greater time effort on behalf of Borough personnel to maintain the list, without creating any comparable benefit; and

WHEREAS, as the economy improves, the benefits accorded by and the costs of administering Ordinance No. 7-2009 may become more favorable thereby permitting the re-adoption of Ordinance No. 7-2009.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that Ordinance No. 7-2009 be and hereby is repealed; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED this Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

ATTEST:

Scott McDonald, Mayor

Kristine Blanchard, R.M.C.

Adopted:

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