

ORDINANCE NO. 2013- 07

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 18 BUSINESSES; ARTICLE VI.
RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY; BY THE MODIFICATION OF SECTION 18-
101. REGISTRATION OF RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, Indiana law provides that the Town Council of the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana may enact ordinances to promote and protect the safety, health and welfare of the citizens of Griffith;

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Griffith in order to further the protection, health and welfare of the citizens of Griffith has found it necessary to assess late fees and penalties on landlords and owners of residential rental units who fail to comply with the ordinances governing the registration of their rental property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana, that Chapter 18 Businesses; Article VI. Residential Rental Property; be amended by the replacement of Section 18-101(b)(1) Registration Required, which shall herein after read as follows:

Section 18-101(b). Registration Required

(1) The owner or owners of real property in the Town of Griffith, which real property is used as rental housing, shall be required to register all such properties on an annual basis, by January 31 of each year. Initial registration is required within 30 days of the effective date of this section, or within 30 days of obtaining title to rental housing real property. The registration forms shall be available at the Office of the Town Building Department.

All other portions of Section 18-101(b) shall remain in full force and effect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana, that Chapter 18 Businesses; Article VI. Residential Rental Property; be amended by the replacement of Section 18-101(i)(1) Penalty, which shall herein after read as follows:

Section 18-101(i). Penalty

(1) In addition to and separate from the applicable registration fee under subsection (c) of this ordinance, failure to register any or all real property utilized as rental housing shall constitute a violation of this article and shall subject the owner to a fine of not less than \$50.00 for the first rental unit, and \$5.00 per each additional rental unit under common ownership with the registrant for any violation of this section; however, under no circumstances shall the late fee exceed the sum of \$1,000.00.

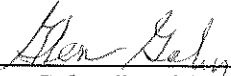
All other portions of Section 18-101(i) shall remain in full force and effect.

All other ordinances or parts of ordinances of the Town of Griffith that are in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and following posting in accordance with the law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council for the Town of Griffith, Lake County, Indiana this 2nd day of April, 2013.

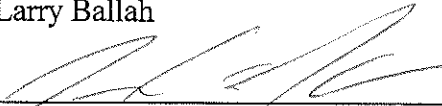
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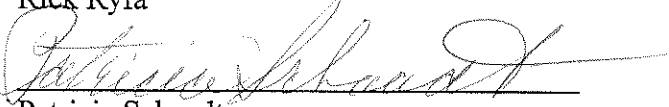
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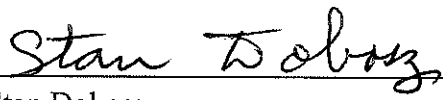


Patricia Schaadt

Attest:



George Jerome
Clerk-Treasurer



Stan Dobosz