NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON SETTING THE 2022 TAX MILLAGE RATE IN THE VILLAGE OF AUGUSTA

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Monday, June 6, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., at the Augusta Village Hall – 100 West Clinton Street, Augusta, Michigan, the Village Council will hold a public hearing to set the 2022 tax millage rate.

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Julie Dixon, Village Clerk

CITY OF GALESBURG KALAMAZOO COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING ON ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

To: The residents and property owners of the City of Galesburg, Kalamazoo County, Michigan and any other interested persons.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Galesburg City Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed adoption of an ordinance to amend the Galesburg Fee Ordinance and Designated Fee Schedule Attachment as Item A-2022 at a meeting at 6:00 p.m. Joel Dohmeier was accepted for first reading by the city council at the meeting of May 9, 2022. A summary of the proposed ordinance is as follows:

CITY OF GALESBURG REGISTRATION, MAINTENANCE and INSPECTION for RECURRING COSTS NOT ATTACHED to OWNER'S PROPERTY

Section 1. Title. The Ordinance title is contained in the ordinance.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of the Ordinance is to set the registration and inspection of vacant buildings and the fees associated with the same.

Section 3. Definitions. Abandoned property; Blight; Blighting factor; Building; Code Enforcement Officer; Dangerous building; Deteriorated; Enforcing agency; Fire officer; person; structure; the attorney for the City of Galesburg; vacant building; vacant dwelling; and vacant property are defined in the newspaper's Designated Fee Schedule.

Section 4. Registration. All owners of vacant residential property, including Vacant Platted Parcels, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS") mortgagees, and Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae") mortgagees, shall register the property with the City of Galesburg within 30 days after the property becomes vacant. Registration shall be made by submitting a registration statement to the City Clerk's office. The registration statement shall be on a form provided by the City Clerk's office and shall contain the following information:

(1) The name, address, and telephone number of the owner of the property. If the owner is not a natural person, the registration statement shall contain the name, address, and telephone number of a natural person who is authorized to manage the property and who resides or has a place of business within Kalamazoo County, Michigan. The registration statement shall also contain the name, address, and telephone number of any person who has a contractual ownership interest in the property, any mortgagee or other lienholder who has initiated foreclosure proceedings, and any mortgagee or other lienholder who has received an assignment of rents or a receivership in connection with the property. The registration statement shall also contain the name, address, and telephone number of any property management company hired or retained by the owner to comply with the requirements of this Ordinance.

(2) The address of the property.

(3) The date the property became vacant, if known at the time the registration statement is filed, or the date the property will become vacant, if the property is registered before it becomes vacant.

(4) The anticipated period of time the property will remain vacant.

(5) The condition of the property.

(6) The number of dwelling units within the property, if the property is a multiple-family dwelling.

(7) The square footage of the property, if the property is a commercial property.

(8) The owner's plans for the property, including whether the owner intends to offer the property for sale or for lease, and the length of time the property has been or will be offered for sale or for lease.

(9) Proof of insurance.

Section 5. Maintenance. Every owner of vacant residential property shall maintain the property in accordance with all of the following requirements during the period the property remains vacant:

(1) The property shall be maintained in accordance with all applicable building, housing, property maintenance, fire, and other applicable codes and ordinances.

(2) The property shall be maintained free of graffiti, tall grass, weeds, and other blighting factors.

(3) All doors, windows, exterior walls, roofs, and basements shall be maintained in good condition. Boarded doors or windows shall be painted to match the color of the building.

(4) The property shall be maintained free of trash, debris, and other blighting factors.

(5) Vacant buildings shall be maintained in a manner that prevents the entry of pests, vermin, and rodents.

(6) Yards, lawns, and landscaping shall be maintained in accordance with applicable City ordinances.

(7) Adequate heat shall be provided to prevent frozen pipes.

(8) Any pool or other body of water on the property shall be maintained in accordance with applicable City ordinances and shall be kept secure from access by children.

(9) Compliance with the requirements of this section does not relieve the owner of the obligation to maintain the property in accordance with all applicable laws, ordinances, and deed restrictions or other private agreements.

Section 6. Inspection. The City's Code Enforcement Agency has the authority to inspect vacant residential property for compliance with this Ordinance.

Section 7. Fees. Fees for registration, maintenance, and inspection of vacant residential property shall be established by resolution of the City Council and set forth in the Designated Fee Schedule. The City Council may periodically review the fees and adjust them as necessary.

Section 8. Penalties. Violations of this Ordinance are declared to be nuisance per se. Violations of this Ordinance are subject to the following penalties:

(1) A violation of this Ordinance is a municipal civil infraction, subject to a fine of not more than $500.00 for the first offense and not more than $1,000.00 for subsequent offenses, in the discretion of the Court, and in addition to all other costs, damages, and expenses provided by law.

(2) The City may also issue appearance tickets for violations of this Ordinance.

(3) The City may also seek injunctive relief against persons who violate this Ordinance.

(4) The City may also revoke any certificate of occupancy or similar authorization issued for the property.

(5) Each day that a violation continues to exist shall constitute a separate violation of this Ordinance.

(6) The owner of any property on which a violation of this Ordinance occurs shall be responsible for the violation and liable for the penalties and enforcement actions authorized by this section, regardless of whether the violation occurs as a result of the owner's personal actions or the actions of the owner's tenants or agents.

Section 9. Appeals. Any person aggrieved by a decision of the City's Code Enforcement Agency may appeal the decision to the Galesburg City Council. The appeal must be filed in writing with the City Clerk within 10 days after the decision. The City Council shall hold a hearing on the appeal at its next regular meeting.

Section 10. Severability. If any section, clause, or provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid, the remaining sections, clauses, and provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 11. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days after its publication.

Section 12. Repeal. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of the conflict.

A complete copy of the proposed ordinance is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 106 E. Michigan Avenue, Galesburg, Michigan 49053, during regular business hours.

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