ORDINANCE NO. _____-2013

BENTLEYVILLE BOROUGH
WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BENTLEYVILLE, COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA, REQUIRING ALL OWNERS OF RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTIES TO PERIODICALLY REGISTER THEIR TENANTS' NAMES AND ADDRESSES WITH THE BOROUGH AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bentleyville desires to adopt an ordinance for registering of residential rental properties and believes it to be in the best interest and welfare of its residents to do the aforesaid.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the Borough Code as amended and other relevant laws the Council of the Borough of Bentleyville enacts and ordains as follows:

SECTION ONE: TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known as the "Tenant Registration Ordinance of 2013".

SECTION TWO: PURPOSE

The Borough of Bentleyville recognizes a need for registration of residential units within the Borough in order to ensure appropriate identity of various residents of the Borough for registration and taxation purposes. The Borough recognizes that the most efficient system to provide for these rental occupant's registration is to require the landlord to file periodic notices with the Borough identifying its residential lessees.

SECTION THREE: REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

No person shall hereafter occupy, allow to be occupied or let to another person for occupancy, any residential rental unit within the Borough of Bentleyville unless said landlord/lessor notifies the Borough within thirty (30) days after said occupancy, the name,

address and number of person(s) occupying each specific unit. The registration shall contain the following minimum information:

A. Name, address and telephone number of the property owner;

B. Name, address and telephone number of the designated local property manager, if the property owner lives outside the Borough and has a property manager;

C. The street address of the rental property; and

D. The name, address and place of employment of the tenant(s) and all other occupants of the unit who are over the age of seventeen (17) or employed.

SECTION FOUR: REGISTRATION TIME PERIOD

A registration for each residential unit shall be filed by January 30th of each calendar year and, then throughout the year whenever there is a change of occupants as set forth above. All registrations under this Ordinance shall be forwarded to the Borough within sixty (60) days after enactment hereof for the first year.

SECTION FIVE: FEES

No fee shall be charged for this registration.

SECTION SIX: PENALTY

Any person, firm or corporation violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be fined not less than Twenty Five ($25.00) Dollars nor more than One Hundred ($100.00) Dollars for each offense, and a separate offense shall be committed for each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues to exist.

SECTION SEVEN: SEVERABILITY

If any sentence, clause, section or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not

affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Council Members that this Ordinance would have been adopted has such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause section or part thereof not been included herein.

SECTION EIGHT: REPEALER

Any Ordinance of any part of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this Ordinance.

SECTION NINE: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately and upon final enactment.

ENACTED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the Borough of Bentleyville this _____ day of _____, 2013.

ATTEST: **BENTLEYVILLE BOROUGH**

_____ BY: _____
Kimberly Sacco, Secretary/Treasurer Stan Glowaski, President

EXAMINED AND APPROVED by me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

BY: _____
Thomas Brown, Mayor