

**CITY OF FREEPORT
STEPHENSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-15
(As Amended on Council Floor March 2, 2015)**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 876 (RESIDENTIAL RENTAL
PROPERTY REGULATIONS) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES
OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT TO ADD ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEES**

**ADOPTED BY THE
CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS
THIS 2nd DAY OF March, 2015**

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City Council of the City of Freeport,
Stephenson County, Illinois, this
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WHEREAS, the Residential Rental Property Regulations of the City of Freeport, Illinois have proved extremely successful by allowing for personal follow up of police calls with the owner or agent of a rental property; and

WHEREAS, the Residential Rental Property Regulations have given owners and managers of residential rental properties additional tools to work with their tenants and the Police Department in an effort to control potentially dangerous living situations and to improve the overall quality of neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, it has always been the City Administration's position that this program should be self-sustaining, since all proceeds of the fee are expended on rental related issues; and

WHEREAS, when the program was enacted it was agreed that the rental property fee structure would be reviewed after one year; and

WHEREAS, the City's budgetary conditions cannot sustain the cost of this program without additional funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS as follows:

Section 1. That Chapter 876 entitled "Residential Rental Property Regulations", Section 876.08 entitled, IMPLEMENTATION FEE of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Freeport, Illinois shall be amended as follows:

876.08 IMPLEMENTATION FEE.

~~Implementation fees shall be twenty five dollars (\$25.00) for single family dwelling containing one residential rental unit, thirty five dollars (\$35.00) for dwellings containing two to four residential rental units, and forty five dollars (\$45.00) for dwellings containing five or more residential rental units. For apartment complexes, each separate building will be assessed a registration fee as outlined above. For mobile home parks, a single trailer is considered one residential rental unit and the entire contiguous park is considered one dwelling. Implementation fees shall be due and payable as part of the initial registration pursuant to Section 876.02.~~

"ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE.

At the time of annual registration under Section 876.04, there shall be fees payable as follows:

\$19.00 per unit.

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Section 2. All other provisions of Chapter 876 shall remain as currently set forth.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage by the City Council, its approval by the Mayor, and its publication as provided by law.

Section 4. This Ordinance is expressly adopted pursuant to the Home Rule Powers of the City of Freeport under Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970.

Section 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed insofar as they conflict.

Section 6. If any section, clause or provision of this Ordinance is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid, and this City Council hereby expressly declares that it would have enacted this Ordinance even with the invalid portion deleted.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS this 2nd day of March, 2015.

Martha E. Zuravel, City Clerk

YEAS: Klemm, Bush, DeVine, Endress, Brashaw, Koester, and Crutchfield (7)

NAYS: Boldt (1)

ABSTAIN: None

PRESENT: Eight Alderpersons

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, ILLINOIS this 3rd day of March, 2015.

James L. Gitz, Mayor

Date Published: March 3, 2015

Date Effective: March 16, 2015