

ORDINANCE NO. 15.82

**AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CHAPTER 1320 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, ENTITLED VACANT BUILDING ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO**

**WHEREAS**, the City Code Enforcement Officer has recommended that a registration program be established for all current and future vacant/abandoned properties throughout the City; and,

**WHEREAS**, the health, safety, welfare and comfort of the residents of the City is negatively affected by structures which become and remain vacant for long periods of time, without proper security or maintenance, leading to conditions of increased crime and blight; and,

**WHEREAS**, the health, safety, welfare and comfort of the residents of the City can be threatened by increasing blight directly related to the failure of owners of vacant structures to maintain them properly, use adequate efforts to obtain occupants, or to safely demolish them at the end of their useful life; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate and necessary for this City Council to enact legislation which provides for a registration and monitoring program for vacant structures, as well as giving incentives for their return to service or demolition, and in all events to transfer the economic burden of such structures from the public to the owners of such structures; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's Property Maintenance Code also fixes certain responsibilities and duties of owners and occupants of structures; and

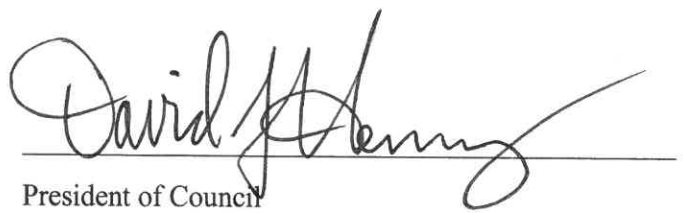
**WHEREAS**, requiring registration of abandoned properties within the City will allow the City to better monitor and address said properties and assist in enforcement of the City's Property Maintenance Code.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Council of the City of the City of Bellefontaine, Ohio:

**SECTION I.** The new Chapter 1320 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bellefontaine, entitled Vacant Building Enforcement Program, a complete copy of which is attached hereto shall be, and the same is hereby, enacted.

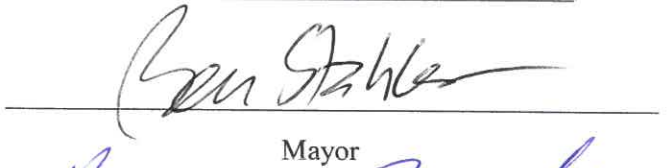
**SECTION II:** That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure made necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of said City, provide for its continuous un interrupted services, and to allow for said new Vacant Building Enforcement Program to be enacted at the earliest possible time; and it shall, therefore, be in force and take effect immediately upon its passage and signature by the Mayor.

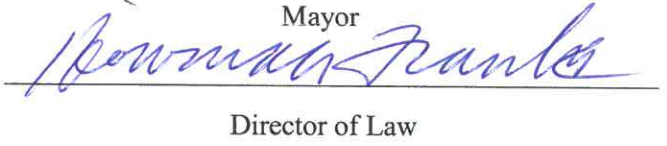
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President of Council

Attest: Bonnie Patterson  
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Clerk of Council

Approved: 12.8, 2015

  
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Mayor

  
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Director of Law

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