



Community Development Department
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To: All Interested Parties

RE: ALL VACANT PROPERTIES
Painesville City, OH

This letter is being sent to advise you that the City Council recently adopted Chapter 1375 – Vacant Property/Building Registration. This Chapter has been added to the Painesville Codified Ordinances. The ordinance requires property owners to register vacant properties. An owner is defined as follows: Any person, in whose name the property is titled, and any person, agent, servicing company, firm, third party, financial institution or bank that has an interest in the property as a result of an assignment, sale, mortgage, transfer of a mortgage, or similar instrument or having an agreement with any one of the above for the purpose of securing and/or managing the property.

If you are interested in purchasing a vacant property please be aware there may or may not be outstanding Vacant Property Registration fees.

All properties must be registered 90 days after vacancy. The fees for the registration are as follows:

1 st year vacant - \$200.00 (residential)	\$400.00 (commercial)
2 nd year vacant - \$400.00 (residential)	\$800.00 (commercial)
3 rd year vacant - \$800.00 (residential)	\$1600.00 (commercial)
4 th year vacant - \$1600.00 (residential)	\$3200.00 (commercial)
5 th year vacant - \$3200.00 (residential)	\$6400.00 (commercial)

The penalty for late renewal is an additional registration fee up to \$1000.00.

Prior to purchase you may check with the Community Development Department to see if the fees are paid and current. **Additionally, no utilities will be turned on or transferred if the fees are not paid and current.**

Temporary exemptions for disaster-affected properties, structures actively under construction, properties listed with a licensed realtor in the State of Ohio, or a vacant property that is being marketed for rent **may** be approved by completing the "Vacant Property/Building Request for an Exemption Form". To obtain more information on the Vacant Property/Building Registration Program, please go to the City's website located at www.painesville.com. You may also obtain a copy at the Community Development Department located at 66 Mentor Avenue.

Please direct any questions to the Community Development Department attention Noell M. Sivertsen, Housing Inspector 440-392-5931.