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Council _____ moved that an ordinance introduced on January 25, 2010, entitled and reading as follows, be taken up and enacted:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND §151.095 "REGISTRATION FEE REQUIRED," §151.096 "FEE SCHEDULE," AND §151.097 "LATE PAYMENT FEES," AND TO RE-TITLE §151.095-151.098 FROM "RENTAL HOUSING FACILITY FEES" TO "NON-OWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING FACILITY FEES," OF CHAPTER 151 "HOUSING REGULATIONS," OF TITLE XV, "LAND USAGE," OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW CODE OF ORDINANCES O-1.

The City of Saginaw ordains:

Section 1. §151.095-§151.098, of Chapter 151, "Housing Regulations", of Title XV "Land Usage" of the City of Saginaw Code of Ordinances O-1 shall be amended and re-titled from "**RENTAL HOUSING FACILITY FEES**" to "**NON-OWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING FACILITY FEES.**"

Section 2. §151.095, "Registration Fee Required," §151.096, "Fee Schedule," and §151.097, "Late Payment Fees," of Chapter 151, "Housing Regulations", of Title XV "Land Usage" of the City of Saginaw Code of Ordinances O-1 shall be amended to read as follows:

§ 151.095 REGISTRATION FEE REQUIRED.

(A) (1) No person exercising ownership or control shall allow a dwelling, dormitory, dwelling unit, apartment house, or guest room in a lodging house, rooming house, bed and breakfast establishment, hotel or motel to be occupied without first obtaining a registration/license from the Office of the City Clerk.

(2) Further, any property or structure required to obtain a registration/license under this chapter and for which the owner or controller fails to do so immediately upon notice of said violation, will be required to vacate said premises until such time as the necessary registration/license is obtained. In order to obtain a registration/license for a dwelling unit, apartment house, or guestroom in a lodging house, rooming house, bed and breakfast establishment, hotel or motel, the owner or controller shall comply with the following mandatory requirements:

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(a) The owner or controller shall obtain and complete an application for said registration/license with the City Clerk. Such application must be accompanied by valid state or federal photo identification.

(b) The owner shall cause the dwelling to be inspected periodically as indicated in the Appendix in this Chapter. The owner is responsible for obtaining from the City evidence of said periodic inspection.

(c) The premises shall not be under current condemnation or order to vacate.

(d) The owner or controller shall pay in full housing registration/license fees owed to the City upon said property.

(3) All items listed above shall be complied with prior to the issuance of the required registration/license and prior to occupation of said premises. Failure to comply with any of these items, or delinquent violations against the property or condemnation of the property shall result in immediate revocation or denial of the registration/license. Re-issuance or original granting of the registration/license and occupation of the premises shall occur only after all items listed above are in compliance.

(B) Exception: Owners or purchasers of buildings which contain only one (1) dwelling unit, with or without an accessory garage, carport or shed, and which contain no other occupancy, may occupy that dwelling unit themselves without registering the unit and paying a fee. The owner's immediate family may also occupy that dwelling with the owner. All other requirements of this chapter shall apply in such instances.

§ 151.096 FEE SCHEDULE.

(A) The license/registration cycle shall start on March 15 of each year.

(B) For the period from the effective date of this section to March 15, 2010 all properties with a valid registration shall continue to be registered until March 15, 2010. Registrations shall all expire on March 15 of each year regardless of application date. If March 15 should fall on a holiday or weekend the fee shall be due on the next regular business day.

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§ 151.097 LATE PAYMENT FEE

An additional late charge of one hundred (100%) percent of the base fee shall be incurred as a result of the following:

(A) Failure to pay the initial registration fee within fifteen (15) days of application.

(B) Failure to register a property within fifteen (15) days of date of notice.

(C) Failure to pay the license renewal fee by the date required in §151.096.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall become effective February 18, 2010.

Enacted: February 8, 2010.