

ORDINANCE 14-11-01

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 1 OF THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADOPT AN ARTICLE II, 'ENFORCEMENT OF OBLIGATIONS TO THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN'

Introduced: November 3, 2014

Approved: December 1, 2014

WHEREAS, the Town of Middletown desires to adopt a "Clean Hands" Ordinance to ensure that all obligations owed to the Town of Middletown are current in order for anyone to receive town services, utilities, permits, licenses, or approvals.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN (a majority of the members elected thereto concurring therein):

Section 1. That the Town of Middletown, Delaware, Code of Ordinances, Chapter 1, is hereby amended by adding therein:

"Article II: Enforcement of Town of Middletown Obligations

§ 1-12 Review of Town of Middletown obligations prior to issuance of any town services, utilities, permits, licenses or approvals.

Prior to the issuance of any town services, utilities, permits, licenses or approvals, all outstanding payments owed to the Town of Middletown and/or outstanding violations of the Town of Middletown Code of Ordinances shall be paid in full or resolved in full.

§ 1-13 Obligations which must be current.

Applicants for town services, utilities, permits, licenses or approvals shall be current on all of the following obligations to the Town of Middletown, prior to receiving such approvals:

- (1) Property taxes/transfer taxes.
- (2) Water, sewer and electric fees and/or usage charges.
- (3) Trash fees.
- (4) Application fees.

- (5) Permit fees, including building permits, plan review and inspection fees.
- (6) Costs associated with any work performed by Town of Middletown employees in association with the violation of an ordinance.
- (7) Interest, penalties, fines, court costs and attorney's fees associated with any of the above listed obligations.
- (8) Documented code violations.
- (9) Miscellaneous charges and fees.

§ 1-14 Enforcement.

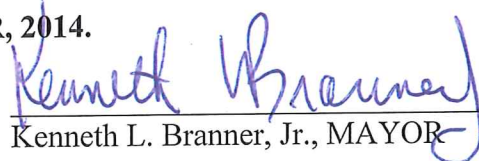
The Town of Middletown department responsible for approving an applicant's request for any town services, utilities, permits, licenses or approvals shall have the responsibility to determine if the applicant is delinquent on any town obligations outlined in section 1-13. Upon the discovery of any outstanding obligations, the department supervisor shall notify the applicant that the request cannot be processed until the outstanding obligation is satisfied in full. Within ten (10) calendar days, the department supervisor shall provide the applicant with the reason for the denial in writing.

§ 1-15 Appeals.

Any person, business, or entity that has been denied a request for any town service, utility, permit, license or approval may appeal that denial with a request for review to the Mayor and Council of Middletown within twenty (20) calendar days after receipt of such denial. All requests for an appeal shall be in writing. The Mayor and Council shall thereafter hold a public hearing to offer the applicant an opportunity to provide evidence supporting their appeal."

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED THIS FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2014.



Kenneth L. Branner, Jr., MAYOR

ATTESTED TO BY:



Witness, Town of Middletown