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SIGNED, FINAL ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION
APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL**

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING CHAPTER 12, "VACANT BUILDINGS" OF THE CITY CODE TO CHANGE THE PILOT PROGRAM INTO A PERMANENT PROGRAM; TO CHANGE THE REGISTRATION FEE STRUCTURE; TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL FEE WAIVER FOR WELL MAINTAINED COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES.

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WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is necessary for the 18-month Vacant Building Registration Program to become a permanent program that continues to address vacant and deteriorated structures that are a threat to the public safety, health and welfare of the community;

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that changes to the fees for the Vacant Building Registration Program and the addition of a fee waiver for well maintained commercial, industrial, office, multifamily and other property types will increase the program's effectiveness.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

SECTION 1. Chapter 12, Sections 12-4 and 12-7 of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas are as follows:

Sec.12-4. Registration fees.

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(b) If the registration paperwork is submitted in its entirety within forty five (45) days of the date the written notice was mailed, then the property owner may be entitled to a \$100.00 discount. However, failure to submit the registration paperwork in its entirety within the ninety (90) day time period may result in an additional \$150.00 fee.

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Sec.12-7. Fee Waivers

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(e) Where the property owner of a property that is not a single family residence has maintained the property to the standard of care required under this ordinance, as well as all other applicable ordinances and laws, the owner must register the property but may be exempt from the registration fees.

SECTION 2. Should any Article, Section, Part, Paragraph, Sentence, Phrase, Clause, or Word of this Ordinance, or any appendix thereof, for any reason, be held illegal, inoperative, or invalid or if any exception to or limitation upon any general provision herein contained be held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective, the remainder shall, nevertheless, stand effective and valid as if it had been enacted and ordained without the portion held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective.

SECTION 3. All other provisions of Chapter 12 of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas, remain in full force and effect except as expressly amended and adopted by the Ordinance.

SECTION 4. The publishers of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas, are authorized to amend said Code to reflect the changes adopted herein, to correct typographical errors and to index, format and number paragraphs to conform to the existing code.

SECTION 5. Sections 12-4 and 12-7 of this Ordinance shall become effective this _____ day of _____, 2016.

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____ 2016.

M A Y O R
Ivy Taylor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

Martha Sepeda, City Attorney