

§ 179-10 Fees.

A. First year.

(1) The owner/mortgagee of an abandoned building or property shall pay an annual fee of \$1 per square footage of the building for the first year the building remains vacant or abandoned or any portion of said year. The fee shall cover the administrative costs for registering and processing the abandoned building or property and the cost for the City in monitoring the abandoned property or building. The fee shall be paid upon filing of the registration form as required by this chapter.

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(2) Failure to pay the fee shall result in said fee to be charged against the land on which the building existed, as a municipal lien, or shall be added to the tax roll as an assessment or shall be levied as a special tax against the land upon which the building stands or stood or shall be recovered in a suit at law against the owner.

B. Second year.

(1) The owner/mortgagee of a vacant and/or abandoned building or property shall pay an annual fee of \$1 per square footage of the building for the second year the building remains abandoned and/or vacant. The fee shall cover the administrative costs for registering and processing the vacant or abandoned building or property and the cost for the City in monitoring the abandoned or vacant property or building. The fee shall be paid upon filing of the registration form as required by this chapter.

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(2) Failure to pay the fee shall result in said fee to be charged against the land on which the building existed, as a municipal lien, or shall be added to the tax roll as an assessment or shall be levied as a special tax against the land upon which the building stands or stood or shall be recovered in a suit at law against the owner.

C. Subsequent annual fees shall be:

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(1) For the third-year the building remains vacant or abandoned: \$1 per square footage of the building.

(2) For the fourth-year the building remains vacant or abandoned: \$1 per square footage of the building.

(3) For the fifth-year the building remains vacant or abandoned: \$3 per square footage of the building.

(4) For the sixth-year the building remains vacant or abandoned: \$3 per square footage of the building.

(5) For the seventh-year the building remains vacant or abandoned: \$3 per square footage of the building.

(6) For the eighth-year the building remains vacant or abandoned: \$3 per square footage of the building.

(7) For the ninth-year the building remains vacant or abandoned: \$3 per square footage of the building.

(8) For the 10th-year and any years thereafter, the building remains vacant or abandoned: \$5 per square footage of the building.