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Painesville, Ohio – The City of Painesville’s Vacant Property/Building registration program requires owners to register their vacant residential and commercial buildings to protect the livability, appearance and social fabric of our neighborhoods. This ordinance is the result of an increasing number of vacant properties, often as the result of foreclosures or the inability of owners to sell or rent a property. There are currently twenty-four (24) communities in Ohio that require owners to register their vacant properties.

The purpose is to establish a program for identifying and registering vacant residential and commercial properties with structures, to determine the responsibilities of the owner of vacant buildings and structures and to speed up their rehabilitation. This ordinance was unanimously adopted by Council on February 22, 2011.

Owner are required to register with the Community Development Department not later than ninety (90) days after any building located in an area zoned for, or abutting an area zoned for, residential or commercial use in the City becomes a vacant building or not later than 30 days of being notified by the Community Development Department of the requirement to register based on evidence of vacancy, whichever event first occurs. The fee to register is \$200 in the first year for residential and \$400 the first year for commercial. The fee doubles each year the property remains vacant. Exemptions are provided in the Ordinance 11-11 which can be viewed online at www.painesville.com. For any questions or for more information please call 440-392-5802 or send an e-mail to dlewis@painesville.com.

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