CITY OF HARRINGTON  
ORDINANCE NO. 14-11  

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 314, RENTAL PROPERTIES, OF  
THE CODE OF THE CITY OF HARRINGTON TO REVISE THE PENALTY FOR  
OPERATING WITHOUT A LICENSE  

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
HARRINGTON IN COUNCIL MET:  

Section 1. That § 314-6 A shall be amended by deleting the existing  
subsection and substituting in lieu thereof the following:  

A. Upon proper application, payment of the prescribed fee, and satisfactory  
rental unit inspection, a license shall be issued to each such applicant, signed  
by the City Manager and/or his/her designee. Each such license shall be valid  
and effective from the first day of January of each year, or the date of  
is issuance, to the last day of December of the same year. A record of all  
licenses issued and licensee fees paid shall be maintained at the City Hall.  

Section 2. That § 314-6 shall be amended by deleting § 314-6 C.  

Section 3. That § 314-8 shall be amended by deleting the existing  
section and substituting in lieu thereof the following:  

§314-8. Penalty for failure to obtain license  

If the license fee is not paid within 30 days of being due, the owner shall be in  
violation of this chapter. If the inspection is not scheduled to be completed within  
90 days of submitting an application for a rental license, the owner shall be in  
violation of this chapter. The owner shall be assessed a fine as set forth in  
Chapter 180, Municipal Fees, for each month the rental property remains  
occupied by a tenant without a license.  

Section 4. That § 314-17 C shall be amended by deleting the existing  
subsection and substituting in lieu thereof the following:  

C. All rental units shall be inspected annually.  

Section 5. That § 314-17 E shall be amended by deleting the existing  
subsection and substituting in lieu thereof the following:  

E. Inspections must be scheduled to be completed by the owner of the rental  
unit, and/or his/her authorized rental agent, with the City Manager, and/or  
his/her designee, within 90 days of submitting an application for a rental
license or the rental license will not be issued and the owner of the rental until shall be fined as established in Chapter 180, Municipal Fees.

Repealer. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Effective Date. The Clerk of Council shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and cause the same to be published as required by law; and this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by Council.

SO ORDAINED by the majority of Council Members present at a regular session of Harrington City Council, to be effective upon signing.

Anthony R. Moyer, Mayor

Attest: Kelly Blanchies, Clerk of Council

Date of Adoption: June 2, 2014

SYNOPSIS

This Ordinance amends Chapter 314 to change the penalty for a late payment to a penalty for failure to obtain a license and clarifies the requirement for a rental unit inspection.

First Reading: May 19, 2014

Public Hearing: June 2, 2014

Second Reading: June 2, 2014