***ADOPTED MAY 2, 2016**

DELANCO TOWNSHIP

ORDINANCE 2016-5

AMENDING TOWNSHIP CODE TO AMEND CHAPTER 222 GOVERNING "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE"

WHEREAS, the Township Code Official has reviewed existing Code provisions and recommended that the Code be supplemented to address property maintenance issues that are currently not governed; and

WHEREAS, the Official has experience in other municipality's in effectively implementing the International Property Maintenance Code; and

WHEREAS, the International Property Maintenance Code is a standardized code to regulate buildings and property for minimum levels to ensure habitability and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has reviewed the request and finds same to be in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the Township, its residents and the public at large.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED that Chapter 222 entitled "Property Maintenance" is hereby amended as follows:

Section One.

§ 222. Property Maintenance.

§ 222-8.5. Adoption of IPMC.

- A. Adoption. The Township hereby adopts the International Property Maintenance Code, 2015 Edition ("IPMC") in its entirety except as modified below, as if fully set forth herein at length, as the Property Maintenance Code for the Township of Delanco. The IPMC shall be kept on file with the Township Code Enforcement Official.
- B. Amendments and Interpretation. The IPMC is further amended and clarified as follows:

Any references to International Zoning, Building, Plumbing, Electrical Codes or the like shall be interpreted to mean the Delanco Township codes adopted governing the respective areas.

- 1. Any fees imposed for the services or activities associated with the enforcement of this article shall be established by Resolution of the governing body of the Township of Delanco.
- 2. Any reference to an appeal of a determination of the Code Enforcement Official or the like shall be read as an appeal to the municipal court of the Township of Delanco.
- 3. This chapter shall be read to be consistent with the other terms of the Delanco Township Code to the extent possible. In the event of conflict, the IPMC shall be read to supersede the other existing provisions of the Township Code.

Section Two: All Ordinances and provisions thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

<u>Section Three:</u> If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Section Four: This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication according to law.