

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-002, AN ORDINANCE OF COUNCIL AMENDING,  
MODIFYING AND RE-ENACTING ARTICLE 1709 OF THE CODIFIED  
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BUCKHANNON, AS REVISED, REGARDING  
REGISTRATION OF VACANT BUILDINGS; REGISTRATION FEES; PROCEDURES  
FOR ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUCKHANNON,  
UPSHUR COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, that Article 1709 of the Codified Ordinances of the  
City of Buckhannon, as revised, are hereby AMENDED, MODIFIED AND RE-ENACTED to  
read as follows:

ARTICLE 1709

HOUSING ENFORCEMENT

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**1709.03 REGISTRATION OF VACANT BUILDINGS; REGISTRATION FEES;  
PROCEDURES FOR ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT.**

(a) There is hereby created the City of Buckhannon’s Registry of Vacant Buildings. For purposes of this section, the term “vacant building” means a building or other structure that has been unoccupied for six months or longer, or unsecured and occupied by one or more unauthorized persons for six months or longer, provided, that a new building under construction or a building that by definition is exempted by ordinance of the Municipality, is not deemed a vacant building, provided further, however, that Council **the Housing Enforcement Board** shall, on a case by case basis, upon written request of the property owner, exempt vacant buildings from registration upon a finding for good cause shown that a person will be unable to occupy the buildings for a determinant period of time.

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**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that all other sections and subsections of Article 1709 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Buckhannon, as revised, shall remain in full force and effect until further Ordinance of this Council.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that Article 1709 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Buckhannon, as amended, shall become effective thirty (30) days after passage, May 21, 2016.

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY:

CITY ATTORNEY/SEM

FIRST READING:

April 7, 2016

SECOND READING, PASSAGE & ADOPTION: April 21, 2016

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Richard W. Edwards, Mayor

CERTIFICATE OF ENACTMENT

I, Amberle Jenkins, Assistant City Recorder, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 2016-002 AMENDING, MODIFYING AND RE-ENACTING Article 1709, was lawfully AMENDED, MODIFIED, RE-ENACTED and ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Buckhannon during a regular session of said Council assembled on the 21st day of April, 2016.

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Amberle Jenkins, Assistant City Recorder