

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FROSTBURG, MARYLAND, ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REENACT SECTION 3.01 OF APPENDIX D OF THE CITY CODE (THE RENTAL HOUSING CODE) PERTAINING TO THE REGISTRATION OF DWELLING UNITS AS RENTAL HOUSING UNITS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLARIFYING THOSE TERMS.”

WHEREAS, the City’s Rental Housing Ordinance is set forth in the City Code as Appendix D.

WHEREAS, Subsection (a) of Section 3.01 of the Rental Housing Ordinance establishes requirements for registering dwelling units as rental units based on the occupancy of those units.

WHEREAS, staff has recommended that this provision be rewritten to clarify its contents.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council are enacting this Ordinance for that purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE:

SECTION 1: BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF FROSTBURG, MARYLAND that Section 3.01 of Appendix D of the City Code is repealed and reenacted, to read as follows:

3.01 Registration; Occupancy

- a. No dwelling unit may be rented or otherwise occupied unless it is registered and has passed inspection in accordance with this ordinance, subject to the following exceptions:
 - (i) A dwelling unit occupied by the owners and members of their immediate family who reside there rent free is not subject to the registration and inspection requirements.
 - (ii) A dwelling unit owned by a trust and occupied by the trust beneficiaries and/or members of their immediate family, all of whom reside there rent-free, is not subject to the registration and inspection requirement.
- b. Occupancy limits shall be determined by the Zoning Ordinance, subject to reasonable accommodation pursuant to the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988.

SECTION 2: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective on the twenty-first day after its passage.

THE CITY OF FROSTBURG

By: _____
Todd Logsdon, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patrick O'Brien,
City Administrator

Introduced: August 18, 2026
Public Hearing: September 15, 2026
Adopted:
Effective: