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Initial registration fee: \$200
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1st renewal: \$400 2nd renewal: \$600 3rd renewal: \$800 4th and all subsequent renewals: \$1200 Note: Delinquent fees are subject to a 10% surcharge
Section 10: Failure to register and or pay fees:
Failure to comply with the above ordained Village policy will result in Vacant Property Registration fees and any applicable surcharges being applied to taxes for the property on the year following incurrence.
Section 11: This Ordinance shall take effect at the earliest time allowed by law.
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading Sept 13th, 18 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Sept 27th 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading
Passed this day of, 2018.
Attest: Approved by:
Nancy L. Cornell, Fiscal Officer Peggy Sloan, President
Dean Hawk, Mayor

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WHEREAS, Vacant commercial and industrial property registration requiring owners of, or persons in control of, vacant commercial and industrial properties within the Village of Sabina to register the properties and pay an annual fee, encouraging property owners to utilize their properties and maintain them to the benefit of the municipality, and;

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WHEREAS, This action is deemed necessary by Council for the health, safety, and welfare of the Village of Sabina and its residents.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Sabina, Clinton County, Ohio, by two-thirds or more of its members thereto concurring that;

## Section 1: Startup:

Beginning January 1, 2020, registration must take place by the deadlines listed in Section 2 below for all commercial and industrial properties not having a lease, rental agreement, or other arrangement which results in use or renovation.

#### Section 2: Renewal:

Registration must be renewed each year thereafter as long as the property remains vacant for a period longer than 12 (twelve) months from the date of the original registration or 12 (twelve) months from the last lease or rental date.

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