TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD LOCAL LAW NO. OF 2017

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 28 OF THE TOWN CODE ENTITLED "HOUSING, REHABILITATION AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE".

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of North Hempstead, as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent.

The Board finds that it is in the best interest of the Town of North Hempstead to amend Chapter 28 of the Town Code entitled "Housing, Rehabilitation and Property Maintenance Code" in order to make a technical change to the "penalties for offenses" section.

Section 2.

Chapter 28 of the Town Code is hereby amended as follows

§ 28-40 Penalties for offenses.

Any person or persons, association, firm or corporation who violates any provision of this [article] **chapter** shall be guilty of a violation, punishable as follows:

- A. For conviction of a first offense, by a fine of not less than \$50 and not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment not exceeding five days, or by both.
- B. For conviction of the second of two offenses, both of which were committed within a period of five years, by a fine of not less than \$1,000 and not more than \$2,500 or by imprisonment not exceeding 10 days, or by both.
- C. For conviction of a third or subsequent offense of a series of offenses, all of which were committed within a period of five years, by a fine of not less than \$2,500 and not more than \$10,000 or by imprisonment not exceeding 15 days, or by both.
- D. Each week in which an offense against any provisions of this chapter is permitted to continue constitutes a separate and additional violation and shall be punishable as such pursuant to this section.
- E. The Town Attorney is authorized and directed to institute any and all actions and proceedings necessary to enforce this chapter. The Town Attorney is also authorized to seek damages and any civil penalties in any civil action, and such penalties shall be in addition to and not in lieu of any criminal prosecution and penalty.

Section 3.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.