



# City of Mullins South Carolina

## 2024 VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

This checklist will help you collect information you need before completing your Vacant Property Registration.

### SUBJECT PROPERTY FORMS AND ATTACHMENTS

SUBJECT PROPERTY ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Registration Form

The following sections must be complete:

Vacant Property Information

Registrant Information including Plan of Action

Plan of Action

Signature of Owner or Property Manager

Trespass Affidavit (requires notarization)

Floor plan (if architectural drawing not available, floor plan can be hand drawn)

Proof of liability insurance (single family homes exempted)

### FEES AND FEE WAIVERS

All Registrations must include a payment for the required Registration and Inspection Fees or a written request for a Fee Waiver.

\_\_\_\_\_ Registration Fee (\$250 for single family or \$750 for non-single family)

\_\_\_\_\_ Inspection Fee (\$50, plus an additional \$0.01 per ft over 5,000 sq ft)

\_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount of Registration and Inspection Fees included (**both are required**)

**If submitting a registration after the registration deadline, a \$150 late fee applies.**

If applying for a fee waiver, please make sure to complete this part of the checklist.

Select appropriate fee waiver type on page 4 of Registration Form

Enclose signed letter requesting Fee Waiver and reason for the request

Enclose supporting documentation for Fee Waiver request (for example, building permit, certificate of appropriateness, tax return, etc.)

**Do not make payment without also completing property registration.  
Payment alone does not meet the registration requirement of the program.**



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## VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATION FORM

The trespass affidavit must be notarized.

If you need assistance registering, please call 843-464-5660 or email crichardson@mullinssc.us

### VACANT PROPERTY INFORMATION SUBJECT PROPERTY

**Physical address of Subject Property:**

City:	State:	Zip Code:
Number of Vacant Buildings:	Total Vacant Square Footage:	
Last Date of Occupancy:	Single Family Property (Y/N):	

### REGISTRANT INFORMATION OWNED BY INDIVIDUAL(S)

<b>Name of First Property Owner:</b>	Date of Birth:	
Physical address of Owner:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Mailing address of Owner:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Home Phone:	Business Phone:	Email:
<b>Name of Second Property Owner (if applicable):</b>	Date of Birth:	
Physical address of Second Property Owner:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Mailing Address of Second Owner:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Home Phone:	Business Phone:	Email:

List of Additional Property Owners:

### OWNED BY CORPORATION, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, TRUST, ESTATE, OR OTHER LEGAL ENTITY

<b>Name of Entity:</b>		
Physical Address of Entity:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Mailing Address of Entity:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Phone:	Email:	
<b>Name of Registered Agent/Trustee/Representative:</b>		
Physical Address of Agent:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Phone:	Email:	
Mailing Address of Agent:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Phone:	Email:	

### DESIGNATED LOCAL PROPERTY MANAGER

<b>Name of Property Manager:</b>		
Mailing Address of Property Manager:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Phone:	Email:	

**VACANT PROPERTY INFORMATION**

**PLAN OF ACTION\***

1.) Provide a **detailed timeline** for correcting all violations and a plan to meet the minimum standard of care for vacant properties as outlined in Chapter 15.40, Article I, Sec. 15.40.040 of the City of Mullins Ordinances.

Common violations of the maintenance standard of care include, but are not limited to, missing windows and doors, plywood on windows and doors, exterior walls and trim needing paint, exterior walls and trim needing repair due to damage or rot, etc. (**See attached Sec. 15.40 Standard of Care** for complete list of ordinance maintenance requirements for vacant properties.)

2.) Identify the measures that will be taken to maintain the property while it is vacant.

3.) Provide a plan for the future use of the property.

**\*This Plan of Action must be updated and delivered to the City of Mullins every six (6) months.**

**FEE WAIVER REQUEST**

The following fee waivers may be applied to your registration if you meet one or more of these qualifications. Please check the fee waiver that you would like to apply for, include a written request for a fee waiver and attach any pertinent documentation to this registration form as evidence for the waiver.

- 1.)  Your property has been devastated by a catastrophe such as a fire or flood within the past 30 days.
- 2.)  The owner of the property is indigent.
- 3.)  You are a representative of a property owner who is deceased or no longer legally competent.
- 4.)  You have obtained a building permit and are progressing in an expedient manner to prepare the premises for occupancy.
- 5.)  You have maintained your property that is not a single family residence to the standard of care for at least two years.

**\*\*Fee Waivers granted by the City of Mullins are only valid for the current calendar year.\*\***

**REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS**

- 1.) Proof of liability insurance, no less than \$100,000, for the property or a surety bond for the value of the property, if insurance cannot be obtained. Said value shall be the appraised value as determined by the Marion County Appraisal Office.  
**\*\*This requirement is not applicable to single family residential structures\*\***
- 2.) A complete floor plan of the property for use by first responders in the event of a fire or other catastrophic event.
- 3.) A "Criminal Trespass" affidavit from the City of Mullins Police Department and visual proof (e.g. photograph) that "No Trespass" placards have been placed on the premises (see form enclosed).
- 4.) If applying for a fee waiver or extension, include a written letter requesting such, plus supporting documentation.

**REGISTRATION & INSPECTION FEES**

Payment or a request for a fee waiver can be made online with registration. If sending by mail, a check, money order, or a written request for a qualified fee waiver must be submitted with this form. Please make checks payable to City of Mullins. Mail to: **City of Mullins, 151 E Front St., PO Box 408, Mullins, SC 29574.**

**SINGLE FAMILY PROPERTY**

Registration Fee	\$250
Inspection Fee	\$50 – plus an additional \$0.01 per ft over 5,000 sq ft
Late Registration Fee	\$150 if registered later than date on notice letter

**NON-SINGLE FAMILY PROPERTY**

Registration Fee	\$750
Inspection Fee	\$50 – plus an additional \$0.01 per ft over 5,000 sq ft
Late Registration Fee	\$150 if registered more than 90 days of date on registration notice letter

Check here if you are interested in learning more about potential resources for low-income property owners or about selling your property.

**SIGNATURE**

The undersigned hereby attests to the above information as accurate. Any falsification may result in the denial or revocation of registration for a vacant building.

_____ Signature of Owner or Registered Agent	_____ Date
_____ Signature of Property Manager (if applicable)	_____ Date

## Sec. 15.40 - Standard of care for vacant property

(a) The standard of care, subject to approval by the Director, shall include, but is not limited to:

- i. *Protective Treatment:* All exterior surfaces, including but not limited to, doors, door and window frames, cornices, porches, trim, balconies, decks and fences, shall be maintained in good condition, weather tight and in such condition so as to prevent the entry of rodents and other pests. All exposed wood or metal surfaces subject to rust or corrosion, other than decay resistant woods or surfaces designed for stabilization by oxidation shall be protected from the elements and against decay or rust by periodic application of weather coating materials such as paint or similar surface treatment. All surfaces with rust or corrosion shall be stabilized and coated to inhibit future rust and corrosion. Oxidation stains shall be removed from exterior surfaces. All siding, cladding and masonry joints, as well as those between the building envelope and the perimeter of windows, doors and skylights, shall be maintained weather resistant and water tight.
- ii. *Premises Identification:* The property shall have address numbers placed in a position to be plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numerals or alphabet letters. Numbers shall be a minimum of 4 inches (102mm) high with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inch (12.7mm). All buildings shall display a vacant building identification placard as required by the Director.
- iii. *Structure:* All structural members and foundation shall be maintained free from deterioration, and shall be capable of safely supporting the imposed loads.
- iv. *Exterior Walls:* All exterior walls shall be kept in good condition and shall be free from holes, breaks, and loose or rotting materials. Exterior walls shall be maintained weatherproof and properly surface coated where necessary to prevent deterioration.
- v. *Roof and drainage:* The roof and flashing shall be sound, tight and not have defects that admit rain. Roof drainage shall be adequate to prevent accumulation, dampness or deterioration. Roof drains, gutters and downspouts shall be maintained in good repair, free from obstructions and operational.
- vi. *Decorative Features:* All cornices, belt courses, corbels, applications, wall facings and similar decorative features shall be maintained in good repair with proper anchorage and in a safe condition.
- vii. *Overhang Extensions and Awnings:* All overhang extensions including, but not limited to canopies, marquees, signs, awnings, and fire escapes shall be maintained in good repair and be properly anchored and supported as to be kept in a sound and safe condition.
- viii. *Stairways, decks, porches and balconies:* Every exterior stairway, deck, porch and balcony, and all appurtenances attached thereto, shall be maintained structurally sound, in good repair, with proper anchorage and capable of supporting the imposed loads.
- ix. *Chimneys and Towers:* All chimneys, cooling towers, smoke stacks and similar appurtenances shall be maintained structurally safe and sound, and in good repair.
- x. *Handrails and Guards:* Every exterior handrail and guard shall be firmly fastened and capable of supporting normally imposed loads and shall be maintained in good condition.
- xi. *Window, Skylight and Door:* Every window, storefront, skylight and exterior door part, including but not limited to the frame, the trim, window screens and hardware shall be kept in sound condition and good repair. All broken or missing windows shall be replaced with glass and secured in a manner so as to prevent unauthorized entry. All broken or missing doors shall be replaced with new doors which

shall be secured to prevent unauthorized entry. All glass shall be maintained in sound condition and good repair. All exterior doors, door assemblies and hardware shall be maintained in good condition and secured. Locks at all exterior doors, exterior attic access, windows, or exterior hatchways shall tightly secure the opening. Windows and doors shall not be secured by plywood or other similar means mounted on the exterior except as a temporary securing measure, and the same shall be removed within a period of time designated by the Director.

xii. *Basement Hatchways and Windows:* Every basement hatchway shall be maintained to prevent the entrance of rodents, rain and surface drainage water. Every basement window that is openable shall be supplied with rodent shields, storm windows or other approved protection against entry of rodents.

(b) All repairs shall be subject to approval by the Building Official. All required permits and final inspections prior to and/or following repairs shall be in accordance with applicable laws and rules. Historic properties and properties within designated Historic Districts are additionally subject to all applicable rules and regulations as codified in Section 15.32.650 of the Ordinance.

(c) Failure to maintain the vacant property to the standard of care specified by the Department is a violation of this section.

**TRESPASS AFFIDAVIT  
(PRIVATE PROPERTY)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am the \_\_\_\_\_ of the  
(Print Name) (Owner/Agent of Owner)  
building located at \_\_\_\_\_, Mullins, SC \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(Street Address) (Zip Code)

I hereby request and authorize the City of Mullins Police Department to enter the premises at said location, and in my absence, to enforce all applicable trespass laws on my behalf in regard to the above referenced property.

I further request that, on my behalf, the City of Mullins Police Department request all persons who are not customers, invitees, or employees, to immediately leave the property or be arrested pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws, Title 16 - Crimes and Offenses, Chapter 11 - OFFENSES AGAINST PROPERTY. "NO TRESPASSING" signs have been posted throughout the property. In addition, I, or my designee will cooperate fully in the prosecution of anyone who is arrested for a violation of any local or state laws.

My address is \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address, City, State, Zip)

my phone number is \_\_\_\_\_ and my email is \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(Area Code/Phone Number) (Email Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Subscribed and sworn to by me on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_ to certify which, witness my hand and seal of office.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR THE  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA