ORDINANCE NO. 393

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 348 AND ORDINANCE 359 TO PROVIDE A PROGRESSIVE FINE STRUCTURE FOR VIOLATIONS OF ORDINANCE 348, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE.

WHEREAS, the City of Barling, Arkansas continues to desire to keep its properties and those of its businesses and citizens aesthetically pleasing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Barling, Arkansas continues to desire that said properties remain in a state of proper repair and upkeep and free from vermin and disease; and

WHEREAS, the City of Barling, Arkansas believes these measures necessary for the health, safety and welfare of its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, the current fine structure for violations of the Property Maintenance Code as set forth in Ordinances 348 and 359 has failed to deter certain businesses and citizens from allowing their properties to repeatedly lapse and violate sections of the Property Maintenance Code,

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF BARLING, ARKANSAS THAT:

<u>Section 1</u>: Ordinance 359, setting forth the fine structure for violations of the Property Maintenance Code (Ordinance 348), is hereby amended as follows:

- A \$100.00 fine for the first conviction for violation of Ordinance 348;
- A \$300.00 fine for the second conviction for violation of Ordinance 348;
- A \$500.00 fine for the third and each subsequent conviction for violation of Ordinance 348.

<u>Section 2</u>: Emergency Clause. It is determined that the progressive fine structure provided for herein is essential for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Barling, Arkansas. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this Ordinance shall be of full force and effect from and after its date of adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 28th day of August, 2012.

Jerry Barling, Mayor

Kim Bentley, City Clerk