

2011-12

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING FIRE PROTECTION AND AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, 1968".

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.*, the Township of Princeton and the Borough of Princeton have entered into a Shared Services Agreement consolidating their respective Bureau of Fire Prevention/Bureau of Fire Safety and Housing Inspection and transferring the responsibility for the enforcement of the requirements of the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code, *N.J.A.C. 5:70-1 et seq.* to the Borough of Princeton; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the aforementioned Shared Services Agreement, the Township of Princeton wishes to designate the Princeton Borough Bureau of Fire Safety and Housing Inspection as its local enforcing agency for purposes of enforcing the New Jersey Uniform Fire Safety Act (P.L. 1983, c. 383, of the Laws of the State of New Jersey) and the aforementioned New Jersey Uniform Fire Safety Code, *N.J.A.C. 5:70-1 et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the consolidation by the Township of Princeton and the Borough of Princeton of their Bureau of Fire Prevention/Bureau of Fire Safety and Housing Inspection revisions are necessary to Chapter 8 of the "Code of the Township of Princeton, New Jersey, 1968 concerning the enforcement of the aforementioned State Codes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Princeton as follows:

Section 1. Sec. 8-5.1.1 of the "Code of the Township of Princeton, New Jersey, 1968" which sets forth the enforcing agency designation is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8.5.1.1. Enforcing agency designation.

The local enforcing agency for said township shall be the Princeton Borough Bureau of Fire Safety and Housing Inspection, pursuant to a Shared Services Agreement authorized by *N.J.S.A.* 40A:65-1 effective July 1, 2011.

Section 2. Sec. 8-5.1.3.1 setting forth additional requirements for fire inspections is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8-5.1.3.1 Additional required inspections.

The Princeton Borough Bureau of Fire Safety and Housing Inspection shall hereby inspect all buildings, structures or premises not listed as life hazard uses, (referred hereafter as non-life hazard uses), with the exception of owner-occupied detached one and two family dwellings that are used exclusively for residential purposes. Individual dwelling units in multi-family dwellings are also excluded from this inspection program with the exception of the common egress, storage and mechanical areas of such structures. All inspections will be on a periodic cycle but not less than once every twelve months.

Section 3. Sec. 8-5.1.4 establishing the organization of the fire enforcing agency is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8-5.1.4. Organization of enforcing agency.

The local enforcing agency established by section 8-5.1.1 shall be under the supervision and control of the fire official who shall report to the Borough of Princeton administrator. The fire official shall be the chief administrator of the bureau of fire prevention.

Section 4. Section 8-5.1.5 concerning the appointment, term of office and removal of the enforcing agency is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8-5.1.5. Appointments, term of office, removal of enforcing agency.

The local enforcing agency as established by section 8-5.1.1 shall be under the supervision of a fire official who shall be appointed by the Borough of Princeton. The fire official shall serve at the pleasure of said Borough. Such inspectors and other employees as may be necessary in the local enforcing agency shall be appointed by the Borough of Princeton at their discretion. The fire official and any inspectors or employees of the local enforcing agency may be removed from the office only for good cause shown.

Section 5. Sec. 8-5.18.1(e) concerning the enforcement of fire lanes/zones is amended to read as follows:

(e) *Enforcement.* The Princeton Borough Bureau of Fire Safety and Housing Inspection and the police department shall have concurrent jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of this section.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication provided for by law.

I, Kathleen K. Brzezynski, Deputy Clerk of the Township of Princeton, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an ordinance adopted by Township Committee at its meeting held July 18, 2011.



Kathleen K. Brzezynski
Deputy Clerk