

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 Bureaus of Fire Prevention 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 Prevention 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 Bureaus of Fire Prevention 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 [b]Bureau of [f]Fire [p]Prevention, [which is hereby created] 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 [b]Bureau of [f]Fire [p]Prevention 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 [township]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 [township committee]the Borough of Princeton. The fire official shall serve at the pleasure of [township committee]said Borough. Such inspectors and other employees as may be necessary in the local enforcing agency shall be appointed by [township committee]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 [b]Bureau of [f]Fire [p]Prevention 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.

Additions in text are indicated by underlining, deletions by {brackets} except that underlined catchwords are not necessarily additions.

The foregoing ordinance was introduced at a meeting of Princeton Township Committee held on June 27, 2011 and will be further considered for final passage after a public hearing thereon at a meeting of said Township Committee to be held at the Princeton Township Municipal Complex, 400 Witherspoon Street on July 18, 2011 which begins at 7:00 p.m.



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