

TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE

Ordinance No. 2009-17

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER IX OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WANTAGE, ENTITLED "FIRE PREVENTION"

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage that Chapter ix of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Wantage, being the Fire Prevention Chapter, shall be and is amended as follows:

Section 1. Chapter IX shall be amended in its entirety to read as follows:

CHAPTER IX FIRE PREVENTION

9-1 LOCAL ENFORCEMENT OF THE UNIFORM FIRE CODE

9-1.1 Title. An ordinance of the Township of Wantage providing for local enforcement of the Uniform Fire Safety Act (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-92 et seq.) and the State Fire Safety Code adopted pursuant thereto, establishing a local enforcement agency.

9-1.2 Local Enforcement. Pursuant to Section 11 of the Uniform Fire Safety Act (P.L. 1983, C. 383) the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code shall be locally enforced in the Township of Wantage.

9-1.3 Agency Designation. The local enforcing agency shall be the bureau of fire prevention of the Township of Wantage which is hereby created in the department of administration.

9-2 BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION

9-2.1 Duties. The bureau of fire prevention shall enforce the Uniform Fire Safety Act and the codes and regulations adopted under it in all buildings, structures and premises within the established boundaries of the Township of Wantage, and shall faithfully comply with the requirements of the Uniform Fire Safety Act and the Uniform Fire Code.

9-2.2 Life Hazard Uses. The bureau of fire prevention shall carry out the periodic inspections of life hazard uses required by the Uniform Fire Code on behalf of the Commissioner of Community Affairs.

9-2.3 Organization and Administration of Bureau. The Bureau of Fire Prevention shall be under the direct supervision and control of the Fire Official who shall be appointed by the township committee pursuant to the provisions of Title 11, Civil Service.

9-3 BOARD OF APPEALS

Pursuant to the Uniform Fire Safety Act, any person aggrieved by any order of the local enforcement agency shall have the right to appeal to the Construction Board of Appeals of Sussex County.

9-4 RED LIGHT DISPLAY OVER FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTION

A red light shall be illuminated 24 hours per day over any fire department connection. In such suppression systems that Siamese connections supply zoned areas of suppression, the red light shall flash intermittently over the Siamese connection of the activated zone. The rate of flash shall not be less than 60 flashes per minute.

9-5 FALSE ALARMS

Penalties assessed for firematic-related false alarms under Section 4-9 of Chapter IV of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Wantage, shall be deposited into the dedicated trust fund of Wantage Township entitled "Fire Prevention Trust Fund". All penalties collected pursuant to this section shall be placed in the Fire Prevention Bureau.

The failure to pay a penalty assessed under this section within 30 days of the occurrence shall be deemed a violation of this chapter.

9-6 KEY BOX

The rapid entry key box system is under the jurisdiction and control of the Fire Official.

9-7 PERMITS

The permit fees established by the uniform Fire Code are amended to reflect those fees currently shown in Chapter XXI of the Revised General Ordinances of Wantage Township, entitled "FEES". These fees shall be collected by the Township Fire Prevention Official and remitted to the Township Chief Finance Officer.

Section 2: SEVERABILITY

Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such provision(s) shall be deemed severable and the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3: REPEALER

All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 4: EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect after publication and passage according to law.

Parker Space, Mayor

ATTEST:

James R. Doherty, Administrator/Clerk

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that the above entitled ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage, on August 13, 2009, and will be considered for final passage after public hearing at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Wantage to be held on September 10, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 888 Route 23 South, Wantage, New Jersey.

James R. Doherty
Administrator/Clerk