

**AN ORDINANCE UPDATING AND AMENDING
THE TOWNSHIP FIRE PREVENTION FEES**

WHEREAS, the Plainsboro Township Committee wishes to update and amend the Code of the Township of Plainsboro Chapter 14-18 entitled “Division of Fire Prevention”; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrative staff has conducted a review comparing its fees to adjacent municipalities; and

WHEREAS, while some fees were amended in 2007, most of the current fees have not been increased since the year 2000; and

WHEREAS, the enforcing agency shall establish fees for enforcement activities, however, those fees shall not exceed the annual cost for the operation of the enforcement agency; and

WHEREAS, the fees proposed represent a realistic approach to ensuring that this mandate be realized; and

WHEREAS, the current climate of construction and interest in the Township of Plainsboro is such that its Building Department can continue to provide exceptional service to its residents and business community while ensuring that the fees charged for those services are appropriate.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of Plainsboro Township, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION I

The Code of the Township of Plainsboro, New Jersey, Chapter 14:18 “Division of Fire Prevention”, Article III, “Other Provisions” is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

F. Enforcement of the Uniform Fire Code.

- (1) The Fire Official shall enforce the Uniform Fire Safety Act and the codes and regulations adopted under it in all buildings, structures and premises within the Township of Plainsboro, not to include owner-occupied one- and two-family dwellings, and shall faithfully comply with the requirements of the Uniform Safety Act and Uniform Fire Code.
- (2) The Fire Official shall conduct the periodic inspections of life hazard uses as required by the Uniform Fire Code on behalf of the Commission of Community Affairs.
- (3) The Fire Official shall conduct annual inspections of all buildings and structures falling under the following IBC use groups which are not required under the New Jersey Administrative Code, Title 5, Chapter 18 and Chapter 18b:
 - (a) A, Assembly.
 - (b) B, Business.
 - (c) E, Educational.

- (d) F, Factory and Industrial.
 - (e) H, High Hazard.
 - (f) I, Institutional.
 - (g) M, Mercantile.
 - (h) R, R-1 and R-2 common areas.
 - (i) S, Storage.
- (4) The Fire Official shall meet, at a minimum, once a month with representatives of the Board of Fire Commissioners and the Director of Code Enforcement to review and discuss the status of all fire inspections.
[Amended 8-9-1995 by Ord. No. 0-97-27; 12-12-007 by Ord. No. 0-07-25.]

G. Fees.

- (1) An annual registration and inspection fee shall be required for each nonlife hazard occupancy as defined in § 14-18F(3) as follows:
[Amended 12-30-1985 by Ord. No. 0-85-26; 5-12-2004 by Ord. No. 0-14-07; 7-14-2004 by Ord. No. 0-04-11; 11-7-2007 by Ord. No. 0-07-21.]

Occupancy

(sq. ft.)	Fee
Less than 500	\$75.00
500 to 1,000	\$100.00
1,001 to 3,000	\$150.00
3,001 to 5,000	\$200.00
5,001 to 10,000	\$250.00
10,001 to 20,000	\$300.00
20,001 to 50,000	\$500.00
50,001 to 100,000	\$750.00
Each additional 50,000	\$100.00

Editor's Note: Former Subsection H, Public Safety Educational Task Force, which subsection immediately followed this subsection, was repealed 7-12-2006 by Ord. No. 0-06-16.

- (2) The application fee for a permit shall be in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.9.
[Added 8-11-2010 by Ord. No. 0-10-19.]

SECTION II

In the event that any portion of this Ordinance is found to be invalid for any reason by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be limited in its effect only to the portion of the Ordinance actually adjudged to be invalid, and the remaining portions of the Ordinance shall be deemed severable therefrom and shall not be affected.

SECTION III

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

I certify the above to be a true copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Plainsboro at a meeting held on August 12, 2015.



Carol J. Torres, Township Clerk

Introduced at a Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Plainsboro on July 8, 2015 and published on July 14, 2015. Adopted at a Meeting held on August 12, 2015 and published on August 18, 2015.