

BOROUGH OF MILFORD
NOTICE OF ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following Ordinances was introduced at a regular meeting of the Common Council of the Borough of Milford, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, held on October 20, 2025 and was read for the first time. This ordinance will be further considered for final passage by the said Common Council of the Borough of Milford at the Milford Fire Company Building, 21 Water Street, Milford, New Jersey at a meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. to be held on November 17, 2025 or at any time and place to which such meeting may be adjourned. All persons interested will be given the opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance. Copies of this Ordinance are available at the Borough of Milford, 40 Frenchtown Road, Milford, NJ 08848, Municipal Clerk's Office during regular business hours. Signed by Leigh Gronau, RMC.

BOROUGH OF MILFORD
ORDINANCE NUMBER 997-2025

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MILFORD, COUNTY OF
HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 14,
SECTIONS §14-5 AND §14-27.**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety recently conducted a review of the Borough's Fire Prevention Bureau's operations and part of that review indicated that specific changes should be made in the Borough's enabling Ordinance for its Fire Code Official; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety seeks that the language below be adopted by the Borough to amend the following Articles and Sections of Chapter 14:

**Article 1, Section 14-5. Department of Fire Prevention, Borough
Fire Code Official.**

A. Term of office. The Fire Official shall serve for a term of one year. Any vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term. Inspectors and other employees as may be necessary for the Department of Fire Prevention shall be appointed by the governing body of the Borough of Milford upon recommendation of the Fire Official. In addition, at the discretion of the Borough Council, an alternate Fire Official could be appointed to serve in the event the current Fire Official is unavailable due to illness, vacation, or other reasons.

Article III, Section 14-27. Violations and Penalties

A. The imposition of penalties, dedicated penalties and compensatory penalties for violations of this chapter and the Uniform Fire Code shall be respectively governed by N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.12, 5:70-

2.12A and 5:70-2.13, as may be amended for time to time, or any successor regulation, and in accordance therewith, dedicated trust accounts shall be established for maintenance of any monies collected.

B. Failure to pay any required, annual, non-life-hazard use registration fee(s) within the time frame indicated on an order to do so will cause a penalty to be imposed in an amount equal to double the fee(s). This penalty will be in addition to the non-life-hazard use fee(s) due and must be paid within 30 days after issuance of an order to abate the violation and pay penalty. If the total fee(s) and penalties are not paid within the 30 days of the order, the matter will be referred to the Borough Attorney for summary collection under the New Jersey Penalty Enforcement Law, N.J.S.A. 2A: 58-1 *et seq.*

WHEREAS, the purpose underlying these modifications is to ensure that Chapter 14 complies in all respects with the requirements of the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of Milford, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Chapter 14 be and hereby is amended and supplemented as follows:

Article 1, Section 14-5. Department of Fire Prevention, Borough Fire Code Official.

A. Term of office. The Fire Official shall serve for a term of one year. Any vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term. Inspectors and other employees as may be necessary for the Department of Fire Prevention shall be appointed by the governing body of the Borough of Milford upon recommendation of the Fire Official. In addition, at the discretion of the Borough Council, an alternate Fire Official could be appointed to serve in the event the current Fire Official is unavailable due to illness, vacation, or other reasons.

Article III, Section 14-27. Violations and Penalties

A. The imposition of penalties, dedicated penalties and compensatory penalties for violations of this chapter and the Uniform Fire Code shall be respectively governed by N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.12, 5:70-2.12A and 5:70-2.13, as may be amended for time to time, or any successor regulation, and in accordance therewith, dedicated trust accounts shall be established for maintenance of any monies collected.

B. Failure to pay any required, annual, non-life-hazard use registration fee(s) within the time frame indicated on an order to do so

will cause a penalty to be imposed in an amount equal to double the fee(s). This penalty will be in addition to the non-life-hazard use fee(s) due and must be paid within 30 days after issuance of an order to abate the violation and pay penalty. If the total fee(s) and penalties are not paid within the 30 days of the order, the matter will be referred to the Borough Attorney for summary collection under the New Jersey Penalty Enforcement Law, N.J.S.A. 2A: 58-1 *et seq.*

2. If any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the other sections or provisions of this Ordinance, except so far as the section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder or any portion thereof.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF MILFORD

Leigh Gronau, RMC,
Borough Clerk

Henri Schepens, Mayor