

Ordinance No. 2023-07

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 119 ENTITLED “FIRE PREVENTION” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY TO INCREASE THE APPLICATIONS AND REGISTRATION FEES

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey that Chapter 119 entitled “Fire Prevention” be amended as follows:

Section 1:

119-09. Permit Fees.

B. the application fee for a certificate of smoke detector and carbon monoxide alarm compliance (CSDCMAC), as required by N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.3, shall be in accordance with the following fees schedule:

(1) Requests for CSDCMAC received more than 10 business days prior to the change of occupancy: \$75.00

(2) Requests for a CSDCMAC received four to 10 business days prior to the change of occupancy: \$125.00

(3) Requests for a CSDCMAC received a fewer than four business days prior to the change of occupancy: \$175.00

119-10. Non-Life-Hazard Uses.

In addition to the registration required by the Uniform Fire Code, the following Non-Life Hazard Uses shall register with the Fire Prevention Bureau. These uses shall have cyclical inspection, at a frequency not less than once a year every twenty-four (24) months and shall pay an annual registration fee as follows:

1. Assembly Use.
 - A-a Eating establishment less than 50 occupants \$50.00
 - A-b Take-out food service-no seating \$50.00
 - A-c Church or Synagogue \$50.00
 - A-d Recreation centers, multi-purpose rooms, etc., less than 100 \$75.00
 - A-e Court rooms, libraries, fraternal organizations, condominium Centers, etc., less than 100 \$75.00
 - A-f Senior citizen centers less than 200 \$75.00
2. Business/Professional Use
 - B-a Business use less than 5,000 sq. ft. \$50.00

B-b	5,000 but less than 7,500 sq. ft. per floor	\$75.00
B-c	7,500 but less than 10,000 sq. ft. per floor	\$100.00
B-d	10,000 sq. ft. per floor or more	\$125.00
3.	Mercantile/Retail Use	
M-a	Retail use less than 5,000 sq. ft.	\$75.00
M-b	5,000 sq. ft. but less than 10,000 sq. ft.	\$100.00
M-c	10,000 sq. ft. or more	\$175.00
4.	Factory/Manufacturing Use	
F-a	Factory use less than 5,000 sq. ft.	\$100.00
F-b	5,000 sq. ft. but less than 10,000 sq. ft.	\$125.00
F-c	10,000 sq. ft. or more	\$175.00
	*F use exception, those registered as Life Hazard Use	
5.	Storage Use (moderate hazard S-1, low hazard S-2)	
S-a	Storage use less than 5,000 sq. ft.	\$75.00
S-b	5,000 sq. ft. but less than 10,000 sq. ft.	\$125.00
S-c	10,000 sq. ft. or more	\$175.00
	*S use exception, those registered as Life Hazard Use	
6.	Residential Use (Fee is for each building)	
R-a	Non-owner occupied 1 & 2 family	\$50.00
R-b	3 to 6 units	\$50.00
R-c	7 to 12 units	\$75.00
R-d	13 to 20 units	\$100.00
R-e	21 to 50 units	\$125.00
R-f	Over 50 for each additional unit	\$2.25
7.	Utility Use	
U-a	Utility use less than 2,500 sq. ft.	\$50.00
U-b	2,500 sq. ft. or more	\$75.00

Section 2:

All sections of the Chapter that are unchanged shall remain as is.

Section 3:

Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4:

Repealer. Any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to their inconsistencies only.

Section 5:

Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced for first reading at the regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Lopatcong held on Wednesday, March 1, 2023 and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Township Council to be held on April 5, 2023 at 7:30 PM, or as soon thereafter as the Township Council may hear this Ordinance at the Municipal Building, 232 S. Third Street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

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