

TOWNSHIP OF MONTVILLE

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 37

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTVILLE, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 169 AND CHAPTER 189 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTVILLE TO MODIFY THE FIRE PREVENTION FEE SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, the Township Code sets forth the fire prevention fees set in connection with all fire prevention inspections and activities throughout the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Code also sets forth the regulations related to fire hydrants and connections; and

WHEREAS, a review of the Code by the Township Joint Uniform Fire Code Review Board resulted in the determination that fees should be revised in accordance with the current rates and the regulations related to fire hydrants should be updated; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator and the Township Committee have reviewed the requested changes and have determined that same is in the best interests of the Township to ensure the restrictions are clearly presented.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Montville, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 169 "Fee Schedule", Section 169-10 "Fire Prevention" is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 169-10. Fire prevention.

There are hereby established the following fees administered by the Fire Prevention Bureaus:

- A. Certificate of registration fees. The fee for inspections under §§ 189-13 and 189-14 shall be:
- (1) Business occupancies, buildings or structures up to 2,500 square feet of occupiable space: \$125
 - (2) Business occupancies, buildings or structures between 2,501 square feet and 5,000 square feet of occupiable space: \$165
 - (3) Business occupancies, buildings or structures between 5,001 square feet and 10,000 square feet of occupiable space: \$215

- (4) Business occupancies, buildings or structures between 10,001 square feet and 20,000 square feet of occupiable space: \$270
 - (5) Business occupancies, buildings or structures between 20,001 square feet and 50,000 square feet of occupiable space: \$315
 - (6) Business occupancies, buildings or structures in excess of 50,001 square feet of occupiable space: \$350 for the first 50,000 square feet and \$125 for each 100,000 square feet thereafter to a maximum fee of \$630.
 - (7) All multiple-family dwellings of Use Group R-2 as defined in the New Jersey Uniform Construction Code:
 - (a) Each yearly inspection of the common areas: \$100 per floor
 - (b) Each dwelling unit: \$40
 - (8) Privately maintained residential complexes: \$100
- B. Plan review fee (§ 189-15). A request for a land use plan review or other written report associated with a development or waiver of site plan application, or any exterior or interior work on space up to 5,000 square feet in the Township shall be accompanied by a fee of \$150 for plans up to 5,000 square feet and \$250 for plans over 5,000 square feet..
- C. Permits as per the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code (§ 189-12B).
- (1) Type 1: As set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:70
 - (2) Type 2: As set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:70
 - (3) Type 3: As set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:70
 - (4) Type 4: As set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:70
- D. Certificate of smoke detector and carbon monoxide alarm compliance (§ 189-23):
- (1) Requests received more than 10 business days prior to a change in occupancy: \$125
 - (2) Requests received between four and 10 business days prior to the change of occupancy: \$175
 - (3) Requests for a certificate of compliance received fewer than four business days prior to a change of occupancy: \$225
 - (4) Reinspection fee: \$100
- E. The fee for a special use or event fire watch shall be \$40 per hour, per man.
- F. False Alarms. Fees for false alarms are as set forth in §189-19F.

Section 2. Chapter 189 "Fire Prevention", Article II "Uniform Fire Safety Code Enforcement", Section 189-19 "Miscellaneous Provisions" is hereby amended to read as follows:

B. Fire hydrants and connections.

- (1) General. Public and private fire hydrant connections and appliances shall be installed and maintained in accordance with this section.
- (2) Blocking hydrants and connections. No person shall obscure from view, damage, deface, obstruct or restrict the access to any fire hydrant or any Fire Department connection, including fire hydrants or Fire Department connections located on public or private property.
- (3) Use of appliances. A person shall not obstruct, remove, tamper with or otherwise disturb any fire hydrant or fire appliance required to be installed or maintained under the provisions of this code, except for the purpose of extinguishing fire, training, testing or making necessary repairs. Whenever a fire appliance is removed as herein permitted, it shall be replaced or reinstalled as soon as the purpose for which it was removed has been accomplished. Defective and nonapproved fire appliances or equipment shall be replaced or repaired as directed by the Fire Official.
- (4) Public water supply. The Fire Official shall recommend to the Township Water and Sewer Department the location or relocation of fire hydrants and the placement or replacement of inadequate water mains located upon public property and deemed necessary to provide adequate fire flow and distribution pattern. A fire hydrant shall not be placed into or removed from service unless approved by the Fire Official. Hydrants placed out of service shall be marked in a manner approved by the Fire Official.
- (5) Private yard systems. All new and existing oil storage plants, lumberyards, amusement or exhibition parks, educational or institutional complexes, residential, commercial or industrial occupancies and uses involving high fire or life hazards or properties which have lot depths of greater than 150 feet from a public street or which require that the public water distribution system be augmented shall provide properly placed fire hydrants. Such fire hydrants shall be capable of supplying fire flows as required by the Fire Official and shall be connected to a water system in accordance with good engineering principles and according to local standards. The Fire Official shall designate and approve the number and placement of fire hydrants. Private hydrants shall not be placed into or removed from service unless approved by the Fire Official.
- (6) Fire hydrant local standard. The following provisions shall be considered minimum standards for the installation and placement of public or private fire hydrants:
 - (a) Public hydrants. Hydrants in single-family residential zones shall be spaced with a hydrant installed at each intersection and one every 500 feet along the roadway(s), measured along the roadway edge. Hydrants in residential townhouse, condominium, cluster and multifamily zones shall be spaced with a hydrant at each intersection and one every 400 feet along the roadway edge. Hydrants in business, commercial and industrial zones shall be spaced with a hydrant at each intersection and one every 300 feet along the roadway(s), as a minimum requirement.

- (b) Private hydrants. Hydrants installed on private property shall be located and spaced as specified in Subsection B(6)(a) above.
- (c) Additional requirements. All hydrants, both public and private, shall have two outlets of 2.5 inches and one outlet of 4.5 inches, with National Standard threads; be located within 24 inches of a curb, roadway, fire lane or parking area; be provided with an individual control valve; be supplied by a water main a minimum of eight inches in diameter, which shall be maintained up to the individual hydrant valve and shall not be more than 10 feet from the hydrant, and shall be installed in accordance with the standards of the American Water Works Association and NFPA 24.
- (d) Approval. The Fire Official shall approve the placement and water supply piping of all fire hydrants prior to installation.
- (e) All Township fire hydrants to be painted red.
- (f) A fire hydrant shall be within 50 feet of a fire department connection.
- (7) Fire Department connections. All new and existing Fire Department Siamese connections, where required by the Fire Official, shall be provided with a light with a red lens, continuously illuminated.
- (8) All new fire hydrants and all hydrants to be replaced must have a 4 ½ inch discharge to a 5 inch Storz connection.

F. False alarms.

(1) It shall be the responsibility of all persons, entities, firms, corporations or other groups that maintain fire alarm systems in the Township to prevent the transmission of false alarms through a program of training and periodic inspection and maintenance of the system. The maximum permissible number of false alarms from any one location shall not exceed one in any twelve-month period. A number of false alarms in excess of these standards shall constitute a violation of this subsection and the following penalties shall apply:

Fees for false alarms in commercial buildings shall be as follows:

- (1) First occurrence: Warning notice
- (2) Second occurrence: \$100
- (3) Third occurrence: \$200
- (4) Fourth occurrence: \$300
- (5) Fifth occurrence: \$400
- (6) Sixth occurrence: \$500
- (7) Seventh occurrence: \$600
- (8) Eighth occurrence: \$700
- (9) Ninth occurrence: \$800
- (10) Tenth and any additional false alarms within a twelve-month period
\$1,000 each occurrence

Fees for false alarms in residential properties shall be as follows:

- (1) First occurrence: Warning notice

- (2) Second occurrence: \$50
- (3) Third occurrence: \$100
- (4) Fourth occurrence: \$150
- (5) Fifth occurrence: \$200
- (6) Sixth occurrence: \$250
- (7) Seventh occurrence: \$300
- (8) Eighth occurrence: \$350
- (9) Ninth occurrence: \$400
- (10) Tenth and any additional false alarms within a twelve-month period:
\$500 each occurrence

Any and all Sub-sections contained in this Section not addressed herein shall remain unchanged.

Section 3. If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance and they shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. In the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any prior ordinance of the Township of Montville, the provisions hereof shall be determined to govern. All other parts, portions and provisions of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Montville are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms hereof.

Section 5. This Ordinance may be renumbered for purposes of codification.

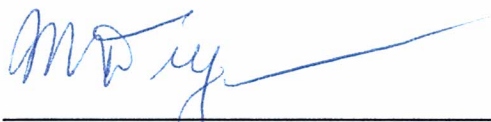
Section 6. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

ATTEST:



Stacy Kostka, Township Clerk

**TOWNSHIP OF MONTVILLE
COUNTY OF MORRIS
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**



Matthew S. Kayne, Mayor

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