

**TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN**

**ORDINANCE No. 2024-13**

**ORDINANCE ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 378 TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN ENTITLED “SALT STORAGE, PRIVATELY OWNED”**

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature of the State of New Jersey has, in N.J.S.A. 40:48 *et seq.* and N.J.S.A. 40:55D *et seq.*, conferred upon local governments the authority to adopt regulations designed to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of its citizenry; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Protection (the “DEP”) under its Tier A MS4 General Permit program (“the Program”) authorizes the discharge of stormwater from small municipal separate storm sewers; and

**WHEREAS**, the DEP under the 2023 updates the Program required municipalities to adopt a series of model ordinances to help further protect the environment, public health, safety, and welfare of the the citizens of the State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, under the Program the DEP requires municipalities to adopt a model ordinance regulating the storage of salt and other solid de-icing materials on properties not owned or operated by the municipality including residences.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown that the following regulations are hereby adopted through the creation of Chapter 378 entitled “Salt Storage, privately owned.”

**SECTION I.** Chapter 378 of the Bordentown Municipal Code entitled “Salt Storage, privately owned” is hereby created as follows:

**§ 378-1 Purpose.**

The purpose of this ordinance is to prevent stored salt and other solid de-icing materials from being exposed to stormwater. This ordinance establishes requirements for the storage of salt and other solid de-icing materials on properties not owned or operated by the municipality (privately-owned), including residences, in Township of Bordentown to protect the environment, public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

**§ 378-2 Definition.**

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When consistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word “shall” is always mandatory and not merely directory.

**De-icing materials**

shall mean any granular or solid material such as melting salt or any other granular solid that assists in the melting of snow.

**Impervious surface** shall mean a surface that has been covered with a layer of material so that it is highly resistant to infiltration by water.

Storm drain inlet shall mean the point of entry into the storm sewer system.

Permanent structure shall mean a permanent building or permanent structure that is anchored to a permanent foundation with an impermeable floor, and that is completely roofed and walled (new structures require a door or other means of sealing the access way from wind driven rainfall).

A fabric frame structure is a permanent structure if it meets the following specifications:

1. Concrete blocks, jersey barriers or other similar material shall be placed around the interior of the structure to protect the side walls during loading and unloading of de-icing materials;
2. The design shall prevent stormwater run-on and run through, and the fabric cannot leak;
3. The structure shall be erected on an impermeable slab;
4. The structure cannot be open sided; and
5. The structure shall have a roll up door or other means of sealing the access way from wind driven rainfall.

Person shall mean any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.

Resident shall mean a person who resides on a residential property where de-icing material is stored.

### **§378-3 De-icing Material Storage Requirements.**

- A. Temporary outdoor storage of de-icing materials in accordance with the requirements below is allowed between October 15<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup>;
  1. Loose materials shall be placed on a flat, impervious surface in a manner that prevents stormwater run-through;
  2. Loose materials shall be placed at least 50 feet from surface water bodies, storm drain inlets, ditches and/or other stormwater conveyance channels;
  3. Loose materials shall be maintained in a cone-shaped storage pile. If loading or unloading activities alter the cone-shape during daily activities, tracked materials shall be swept back into the storage pile, and the storage pile shall be reshaped into a cone after use;
  4. Loose materials shall be covered as follows:
    - a. The cover shall be waterproof, impermeable, and flexible;
    - b. The cover shall extend to the base of the pile(s);
    - c. The cover shall be free from holes or tears;
    - d. The cover shall be secured and weighed down around the perimeter to prevent removal by wind; and
    - e. Weight shall be placed on the cover(s) in such a way that minimizes the potential of exposure as materials shift and runoff flows down to the base of the pile.
      - (1.) Sandbags lashed together with rope or cable and placed uniformly over the flexible cover, or poly-cord nets provide a suitable method. Items that can potentially hold water (e.g., old tires) shall not be used;
  5. Containers must be sealed when not in use; and
  6. The site shall be free of all de-icing materials between April 16<sup>th</sup> and October 14<sup>th</sup>.
- B. De-icing materials should be stored in a permanent structure if a suitable storage structure is available. For storage of loose de-icing materials in a permanent structure, such storage may be permanent, and thus not restricted to October 15 -April 15.
- C. All temporary and/or permanent structures must comply with the UCC requirements and all local ordinances, including building and zoning regulations including but not limited to the following:
  1. A Construction Permit may be required as per Uniform Construction Code under section 5:23-2.14(a). It shall be unlawful to construct, enlarge, repair, renovate, alter, reconstruct or demolish a structure, or change the use of a building or structure, or portion thereof, or to install or alter any

equipment for which provision is made or the installation of which is regulated by this chapter without first filing an application with the construction official, or the appropriate subcode official where the construction involves only one subcode, in writing and obtaining the required permit therefor.

- D. The property owner, or owner of the de-icing materials if different, shall designate a person(s) responsible for operations at the site where these materials are stored outdoors, and who shall document that weekly inspections are conducted to ensure that the conditions of this ordinance are met. Inspection records shall be kept on site and made available to the municipality upon request.
  - 1. Residents who operate businesses from their homes that utilize de-icing materials are required to perform weekly inspections.

**§ 378-4 Exemptions.**

- A. Residents may store de-icing materials outside in a solid-walled, closed container that prevents precipitation from entering and exiting the container, and which prevents the de-icing materials from leaking or spilling out. Under these circumstances, weekly inspections are not necessary, but repair or replacement of damaged or inadequate containers shall occur within 2 weeks.
- B. If containerized (in bags or buckets) de-icing materials are stored within a permanent structure, they are not subject to the storage and inspection requirements in Section III above. Piles of de-icing materials are not exempt, even if stored in a permanent structure.
- C. This ordinance does not apply to facilities where the stormwater discharges from de-icing material storage activities are regulated under another NJPDES permit.

**§ 378-5 Enforcement.**

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Bordentown Police Department and/or other Municipal Officials of the Township of Bordentown during the course of ordinary enforcement duties.

**§ 378-6 Violations and Penalties.**

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall have 72 hours to complete corrective action. Repeat violations and/or failure to complete corrective action shall result in fines and penalties as set forth in Chapter 1, Article II, General Penalty, of the Code of the Township of Bordentown.

**SECTION II. Severability.** Each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase, and finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause or reason shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

**SECTION III. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

INTRODUCED: May 28, 2024

ADOPTED: June 10, 2024

RECORD OF VOTE													
First Reading							Second Reading						
COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	NV	AB	ORD	SEC	COMMITTEE	AYE	NAY	NV	AB	ORD	SEC
Grayson	✓				✓		Grayson	✓				✓	
Holliday	✓					✓	Holliday	✓					
Lozito	✓						Lozito	✓					
Miller	✓						Miller	✓					✓
Fuzy	✓						Fuzy	✓					

✓ - indicates Vote AB - absent NV - not voting ORD - moved SEC - seconded  
 I, MARIA S. CARRINGTON, Township Clerk, do hereby certify that this is a true copy of an ordinance adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Bordentown on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.



MARIA S. CARRINGTON, Township Clerk