

Borough of Fair Lawn



ORDINANCE NO. 2692-2024

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 125, LAND DEVELOPMENT, OF THE GENERAL CODE, SPECIFICALLY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 125-53, LAND DEVELOPMENT, STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 125-53A TO BE TITLED "PRIVATELY-OWNED SALT STORAGE"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fair Lawn that the Borough Code of Fair Lawn 2000 is amended and supplemented by inserting the text **marked in bold** as follows:

SECTION 1: Chapter 125, Land Development, be and is hereby amended and supplemented with a new Section 125-53A, "Privately-Owned Salt Storage," to read as follows:

§ 125-53A.1 Purpose.

The purpose of this section is to prevent stored salt and other solid de-icing materials from being exposed to stormwater.

This section establishes requirements for the storage of salt and other solid de-icing materials on properties not owned or operated by the Borough of Fair Lawn (privately-owned), including residences, in the Borough, to protect the environment, public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

§ 125-53A.2 Definitions.

For the purpose of this section, 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.

- A. "De-icing materials" means any granular or solid material such as melting salt or any other granular solid that assists in the melting of snow.**
- B. "Impervious surface" means a surface that has been covered with a layer of material so that it is highly resistant to infiltration by water.**

- C. "Storm drain inlet" means the point of entry into the storm sewer system.
- D. "Permanent structure" means 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.
- E. "Person" means any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.
- F. "Resident" means a person who resides on a residential property where de-icing material is stored.

§ 125-53A.3. De-icing Material Storage Requirements.

- A. Temporary outdoor storage of de-icing materials in accordance with the requirements below is allowed between October 15th and April 15th:
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 16th and October 14th.
 - 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 such temporary and/or permanent structures must also comply with all other Borough ordinances, including building and zoning regulations.
 - 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 section are met. Inspection records shall be kept on site and made available to the Borough upon request.

1. Residents who operate businesses from their homes that utilize de-icing materials are required to perform weekly inspections.

§ 125-53A.4. Exemptions.

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.

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 125-53A.3, above. Piles of de-icing materials are not exempt, even if stored in a permanent structure.

This section does not apply to facilities where the stormwater discharges from de-icing material storage activities are regulated under another NJPDES permit.

§ 125-53A.5 Enforcement.

This section shall be enforced by the Borough of Fair Lawn Police Department, the Borough of Fair Lawn Superintendent of Public Works or their designee, the Borough of Fair Lawn Code Enforcement Officer, and any individuals so designated by the Borough Manager during the course of ordinary enforcement duties. § 125-53A.6. Violations and Penalties.

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this section shall have 72 hours to complete corrective action. Repeat violations and/or failure to complete corrective action shall result in fines as follows:

- A. First violation: \$200;
- B. Second violation: \$500;
- C. Third violation: \$1,000, plus revocation of business license, as applicable.

SECTION 7: Each section of this Ordinance and every subsection hereof shall be deemed independent, separate and distinct from all other sections, and the holding of any section or a part hereof to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause shall not be deemed to affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section or part hereof, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

SECTION 8. All other ordinances, codes or parts thereof that are in conflict or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, to the extent of such

conflict or inconsistency. In the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any prior Borough ordinances, the provisions hereof shall be determined to govern. All other parts, portions and provisions of the Borough's ordinances are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms hereof.

SECTION 9: This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as required by law.

Introduced: March 26, 2024

	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Salinas			X			
Krause			X			
Reinitz		X	X			
Cutrone	X		X			
Rottenstrich			X			

Adopted: April 30, 2024

	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Salinas		X	X			
Krause	X		X			
Reinitz			X			
Cutrone			X			
Rottenstrich			X			

Attest:

 Nicholas J. Magarelli, RMC
 Municipal Clerk

Approved:

 Gail Rottenstrich
 Mayor