

**TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON
COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE #24-16

**“ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JEFFERSON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AMENDING CHAPTER 256, FIRE PROTECTION, PARTICULARLY SECTION 256-9, ACCESS TO THE KEY BOX IN AN
EMERGENCY, AND SECTION 256-21, PERMIT AND CERTIFICATION FEES”**

WHEREAS, the Fire Bureau has requested two additional authorized users to have access to the universal key for access to the key box, due to the creation of the home Knox Box Key Box program; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Bureau has also requested to have the authority to review requests and be able to grant a waiver of fees when a structure is considered an imminent danger to life or health; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has reviewed and agrees to such revisions of the Fire Protection Chapter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY the Township Council of the Township of Jefferson, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 235 of the Jefferson Township Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

Section-1

§ 256-9, Access to the Key Box in an Emergency, is hereby amended to add new subsections (6) and (7) to Section B follows:

B. The following organizations or designate within the organization shall have the universal key for access to the key box:

- ...
- (6) Milton First Aid Squad
- (7) Jefferson Township Rescue Squad

Section-2

§ 256-21, Permit and Certification Fee, is revised by adoption of a new Subsection E, as follows:

E. The Fire Bureau shall have the authority to review requests from a buyer's attorney for a waiver (due to hazardous conditions) to § 256-21 – C, “Fees for residential smoke detector, carbon monoxide, and fire extinguisher certification” as it relates to a home rental or resale inspection. This would occur should a structure be determined in the opinion of the fire inspector/fire official/fire marshal to be an Imminent Danger to Life or Health. Upon receipt the Fire Bureau will review the application and provide a response, either written or electronically. If approved, the response would include any conditions related to the approval. If approved the fee for the waiver due to hazardous conditions is \$50.00.

Section-3.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions inconsistent or in opposition to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Section-4.

If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to that section, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be valid and effective.

Section-5.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication as required by law.

INTRODUCED: June 26, 2024

ADOPTED: July 17, 2024