

**BOROUGH OF LONGPORT  
COUNTY OF ATLANTIC  
ORDINANCE 2024-16**

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE BOROUGH OF LONGPORT CODE,  
CHAPTER 117, CONSTRUCTION, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS,  
TO PROMOTE CLEAN AND SAFE WORKSITES WITHIN THE  
BOROUGH OF LONGPORT**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF LONGPORT that:**

**WHEREAS**, The Borough of Longport recognizes the importance of maintaining clean and safe worksites to protect the environment, occupational safety, and public health; and

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative that contractors take measures to minimize the release of dust, trash, debris, plastic, and other contaminants from worksites, thereby reducing pollution and preventing harm to the environment and the community; and

**WHEREAS**, plastics and composite materials do not decompose, overtime would break down to smaller and smaller particles: microplastics. Microplastic pollution disrupts ecosystems and can cause endocrine, digestive, and respiratory issues in animals including humans, and

**WHEREAS**, The Borough of Longport seeks to regulate construction practices to ensure compliance with environmentally responsible and safe procedures;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Commissioners of The Borough of Longport as follows:

**Chapter 11 shall be titled:**

**Construction: General Requirements, Clean and Safe Worksites – Control of Dust and Plastic Contaminants.**

**ARTICLE III**

**CONTROL OF DUST AND PLASTIC CONTAMINANTS**

**§117-1: Definitions**

For the purposes of this ordinance, the following definitions apply:

- a) "Contractor" refers to any individual or entity engaged in construction, renovation, or maintenance to commercial or residential properties within the Borough of Longport

b) "Worksites" shall include all outdoor and indoor worksites within the jurisdiction of the Borough of Longport where construction, renovation, or related activities are taking place.

### **§117-2: Dust, Trash, Debris and Plastic Control**

Contractors operating within the Borough of Longport shall do all of the following to control dust, trash, and plastic contaminants at their worksites:

- A. When cutting or drilling AZEK, TREX, any materials containing plastics, pavers, or wood treated with chemical contaminants, contractors shall use a vacuum attachment on all saws when practical to minimize the release of dust and micro plastic particles.
- B. Contractors shall cut and drill in confined spaces to keep dust levels to a minimum and facilitate ease of cleanup and prevent release of debris. These confined spaces should include tents to enclose the worksites or hoods made specifically for saws.
- C. Contractors shall cut and drill pavers with wet saws and in confined spaces to keep dust levels to a minimum and facilitate ease of cleanup and prevent release of debris. These confined spaces should include tents to enclose the worksites.
- D. Contractors shall not engage in cutting or drilling activities without placing a tarp under power tools to catch debris and contaminants.
- E. Contractors shall tarp their work areas and clean-up all trash and generated from work of the day like dust particles, microplastics and saw dust, a minimum of once a day to prevent the dispersion of dust, trash, debris, and plastic contaminants.
- F. Contractors shall clean up all wood and plastic contaminants before leaving their worksites, ensuring that no waste is left behind nor can be blown into areas beyond the worksite and/or property.

### **§117-3: Prohibition on Storm Drain Disposal**

Contractors are strictly prohibited from blowing debris, dust, or plastic contaminants into storm drains. All contractors must dispose of waste materials properly in accordance with existing municipal waste disposal regulations.

Contractors must separate waste and recyclable materials, such as cardboard, and dispose of in accordance with City ordinances and State laws.

### **§117-4: Compliance and Enforcement**

- A. Notice of this ordinance shall be given with each new permit issued for construction, renovation, and related activities.
- B. The Borough of Longport may conduct inspections of worksites to ensure compliance with this Ordinance. Any person who violates, fails or refuses to comply with this chapter or any part or section thereof, shall, upon conviction in

the Municipal Court of Longport be punished for each offense by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 or by imprisonment for any term not exceeding 90 days, or both. Every such violation or refusal shall be deemed a separate violation, and each day that the same shall continue shall be deemed a separate violation.

C. Contractors are responsible for informing their employees and subcontractors of the requirements and obligations set forth in this ordinance.

**117-5 Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage and publication as required by law and shall be applicable to all contractors operating within the Borough of Longport from that date onward.

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