# Ordinance of the City of Paterson, N.J.

No	Date to Mayor MAY 11, 2023
(2nd Rdg. & Final Passage)	Date Returned  Date Submitted to
Division	Council . April. 25, 2023
TITLE: ORDINANCE AMENDING FEE PROVISIONS IN	Factual Contents Certified to By
PATERSON CODE CHAPTER 215 ("FIRE SAFETY")	Title Date Approved As To Form and Legality
	on Basis of Facts Set Forth
	CORPORATION COUNSEL Date
COUNCILPERSON MARITZA DAVILA	Moved the Following Ordinance:
WHEREAS, a municipality may charg related matters, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-1, and related statutes; and	
WHEREAS, there is a need to increas captioned chapters of the Paterson Code, set for for increases in municipal expenses.	
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORD COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PATERSON and supplemented, with additions indicated by by [brackets], to state as follows:	that the City Code shall be amended
SECTION I:	et e
Chapter 215	
§ 215-1. Local enforcement.	
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§ 215-2. Local enforcing agency designated.	
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§ 215-3. Duties of local enforcing agency.	
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§ 215-4. Inspections of life-hazard uses.	
SAME.	
§ 215-5. Organization of local enforcing ager	ncy.
SAME.	
§ 215-6. Fire Official.	
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§ 215-7. Inspectors and employees.	
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§ 215-8. Construction Board of Appeals.	
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§ 215-9. Non-life-hazard uses and miscellane	eous fees.

A. In addition to the registrations required by the State of New Jersey Uniform Fire Code, the following non-life-hazard uses shall register with the Bureau of Fire Prevention. Uses required to register with the state as life-hazard uses shall not be required to register under this section. These non-life-hazard uses shall be inspected once per year for possible fire hazards and compliance with State of New Jersey Uniform Fire Codes and shall pay an annual registration fee as set forth below:

Any Occupancy Fee

Up to 999 square feet [\$50] \$60

1,000 to 4,999 square feet [\$100] \$120

5,000 to 9,999 square feet [\$250] \$300

10,000 square feet and over [\$400] \$500

- (1) Duplicate copy of photographs: \$5 per photograph.
- (2) Duplicate copy of fire report or inspection report: \$5.
- (3) Duplicate copy of Investigation Report: \$50.
- B. Registration applications are nontransferable. Any changes in use or occupancy shall require a new registration.
- C. False fire alarm service fees.
  - (1) Definitions. As used in this section, the following shall have the meanings indicated:

### **ALARMS**

Any mechanical or electronic signal, reporting by means of telephone cables, municipal fire alarm system or other means of transmission, which signals are monitored by the Police Department of the City of Paterson at its headquarters, or an audible alarm which is heard and/or called in by another, and which signals, upon receipt or upon activation, indicate to the Department that an emergency exists at the sending location. Said alarms shall include those types installed to indicate fires at the sending location.

# **FALSE ALARM**

Any report or request for fire service directed to the Police Department or Fire Department by any means of any communication wherein the situation, condition, incident, or emergency as subject of the report or request did not and does not exist. This definition shall include alarms caused by testing, repairing, tampering or altering an alarm system on both commercial and residential property and also alarms caused by a failure to properly maintain an alarm system. This definition shall not include alarms caused by extraordinary circumstances or acts of God.

#### **PERSON**

Any individual, partnership, association, syndicate, company, firm, trust, corporation, department, bureau, agency, or other entity recognized by law as the subject of rights and duties.

(2) In the event that the Paterson Fire Department responds to an active fire alarm that is determined to be a false alarm, a service fee shall be paid to the Bureau of Fire Prevention by the person, persons, corporation, owner or lessee of any commercial property or residence in which a fire alarm has been installed who shall cause, suffer, allow or permit the accidental or purposeful transmission of a false fire alarm signal from any property in the City of Paterson to the Paterson Police Department or the Paterson Fire Department.

# (a) Commercial property.

- (1) For the first, second, or third false fire alarm in a calendar year, a warning shall be issued.
- (2) For the fourth false fire alarm in a calendar year, a false fire alarm service fee of \$50 shall be paid to the Bureau of Fire Prevention.
- (3) For the fifth false alarm in a calendar year, a false fire alarm service fee of \$75 shall be paid to the Bureau of Fire Prevention.
- (4) For the sixth through 19th false fire alarm in a calendar year a false fire alarm service fee of \$100 shall be paid to the Bureau of Fire Prevention.
- (5) For the 20th and subsequent false fire alarm in a calendar year, a false fire alarm service fee of \$500 shall be paid to the Bureau of Fire Prevention.

#### (b) Residential property.

- (1) For the first, second, or third false fire alarm in a calendar year, a warning shall be issued.
- (2) For the fourth false fire alarm in a calendar year, a false fire alarm service fee of \$25 shall be paid to the Bureau of Fire Prevention.
- (3) For the fifth false alarm in a calendar year, a false fire alarm service fee of \$50 shall be paid to the Bureau of Fire Prevention.
- (4) For the sixth and subsequent false fire alarm in a calendar year, a false fire alarm service fee of \$100 shall be paid to the Bureau of Fire Prevention.

#### D. Multiple-family dwelling registration fees.

- (1) As used in this section, "multiple-family dwelling" shall mean any residential property which contains three dwelling units or more.
- (2) All owners of multiple-family dwellings shall be required to register and pay an annual fee to the Bureau of Fire Prevention based upon the following fee schedule:

Number of Dwelling

Units Fee

3	\$198
4	\$209
5	\$220
6	\$231
7	\$242
8	\$253
9	\$264
10	\$275
11	\$286
12	\$297
13	\$308
14	\$319
15	\$330
16	\$341
17	\$352
18	\$363
19	\$374
20	\$385
21	\$396
22	\$407
23	\$418
24	\$429
25	\$440

- (3) For those residential properties which contain more than 25 dwelling units, the fee shall be calculated as follows: [\$150] \$165 (common area fee) plus [\$10] \$11 for each dwelling unit.
- (4) Multiple-family dwellings that are registered with the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety as a life-hazard use shall not be required to pay the common area fee of [\$150] \$165 but will be required to register the dwelling units located within these structures at the rate of [\$10] \$11 per dwelling unit.

# § 215-10. Prohibited use of kerosene heaters.

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§ 215-11. Issuance of a certificate of smoke detector and carbon monoxide compliance.

A. As per the Uniform Fire Code of the State of New Jersey, N.J.A.C. 5:70 et seq., the issuance of a certificate of smoke detector and carbon monoxide compliance, CSDCMC, is required before any one- or two-family dwelling (R-3 or R-4) is sold, leased or otherwise made subject to a change of occupancy. This inspection requirement applies only to one- and two-family dwellings and not to multiple dwellings (R-2) that are inspected by the State Division of Multi-Dwellings. The CSDCMC is valid for a period of six months and is not transferable.

B. At least one smoke detector must be present on each level of the home, including the basement and attic. All smoke detectors must be located on the ceiling, no closer than 18 inches from any wall. A smoke detector must be located outside of every bedroom but not more than 10 feet from the bedroom doorway. If the bedrooms are close enough, it is possible that one detector will provide coverage for multiple bedrooms. If in order to comply with the code, a required detector is to be installed in the kitchen, the detector must be a photoelectric-activated detector as opposed to an ionization detector. An acceptable alternative to using the photoelectric detector would be to install a standard ionization-type detector inside that bedroom on the ceiling.

C. As per recent code revisions, N.J.A.C. 5:70-4-19(d), carbon monoxide detectors are required to be installed in the immediate vicinity of all sleeping rooms. The carbon monoxide detectors may be installed on the ceiling or a wall; however, the manufacturer's installation instructions must be followed. Carbon monoxide detectors are required to be manufactured, listed and labeled in accordance with UL 2034. Each carbon monoxide detector must be labeled indicating that it meets this requirement.

D. All detectors must be installed and operating properly prior to the inspection. The fee for the inspection is as follows:

- (1) Inspections requested with a lead time of less than four days: [\$125] \$300.
- (2) Inspections requested with a lead time of four to 10 days: [\$70] \$200.
- (3) Inspections requested with a lead time of more than 10 days <u>for re-rental</u>: [\$35] <u>\$75</u>.
- (4) Inspections requested with a lead time of more than 10 days for property sale: \$125.

§ 215-12. Notice of violation; service.

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§ 215-13. Contents of notice of violation.

SAME.

§ 215-14. Violations and penalties.

SAME.

#### § 215-15. Permit Fees

Permit fee types shall refer to those established in the most currently adopted New Jersey Uniform Fire Code, N.J.A.C. 5:70 et seq.

The following fees apply to each type of permit:

A. Type 1: \$60

- B. Type 2: \$235
- C. Type 3: \$470
- D. Type 4: \$705

# § 215-15. Private Fire Hydrants.

#### A. Definition

# PRIVATE FIRE HYDRANT

A valved connection to a water main for the purpose of supplying water to a fire hose or other fire protection apparatus, and which is not located on city-owned property.

# B. Inspections of private fire hydrants.

- i. Each private fire hydrant must be inspected annually by the Paterson Fire Department.
- ii. The annual fee is \$200.
- C. Every private fire hydrant must be maintained in proper working condition, by the private fire hydrant owner, consistent with this chapter, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 25, and the manufacturer's specifications or recommendations.
  - i. Maintenance, correction and repair must be implemented with the procedures meeting or exceeding those established in this chapter and NFPA Standard 25, and must be in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications or recommendations.
  - ii. The private hydrant owner, within 30 days, must correct or repair any deficiencies, damaged parts, or impairments found while performing the inspection, testing, and maintenance requirements of this chapter.

#### D. No city liability.

i. The city is not liable for loss or damage of any nature whatsoever caused by the city's inspection of private fire hydrants. The city does not assume the duty of maintaining a private fire hydrant and is not responsible for any plumbing or equipment necessary for the proper function and maintenance of a private fire hydrant.

**SECTION II:** All Ordinances or portions of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency only.

**SECTION III:** If any part of this Ordinance shall be declared to be invalid or inoperative, such part shall be deemed severable and the invalidity thereof shall not affect the remaining parts of this Ordinance.

**SECTION IV:** The City Clerk shall have this Ordinance codified and incorporated in the official copies of the Paterson Code.

**SECTION V:** This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage, approval and publication as required by law.

**SECTION VI:** The City Clerk and the Corporation Counsel may change any chapter numbers, article numbers and section numbers if codification of this Ordinance reveals a conflict between those numbers and the existing Code, in order to avoid confusion and possible accidental repealers of existing provisions.

**SECTION VII**: The City Clerk and the Corporation Counsel may correct any clerical errors in the printing, publication and codification of this Ordinance, provided both concur with the correction being made and both certify in writing to the Municipal Council as to the specifics of the clerical correction no later than seven (7) days before the correction is made, or, where a legal deadline for publication applies, no later than the date of the next Regular Meeting. The said certifications shall also be prominently posted no later than the date of the next Regular Meeting, and thereafter shall be annexed to the corrected original Ordinance and retained by the City Clerk.

# STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend fire safety-related Ordinances to increase fees such that they are consistent with current market value prices and expenses. The amended provisions fall within Paterson Code Chapter 215.

SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON . LUIS .VELEZ							
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Adopted on first reading at a meeting of the Council of the City of Paterson, N.J., on							
second and final reading after hearing onMay 9, 2023			*******				
Approved Reconsidered Rejected By Mayor ANDRE SAYEGH By Council			Over Ride □ Vote Aye	□ Nay			
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