

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA, SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND REPEALING PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 16 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED, FIRE PROTECTION AND PREVENTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 11 of the Uniform Fire Safety Act (PL 1983, C.383), The New Jersey Uniform Fire Code is enforced locally in the Township of Sparta; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Sparta desires to amend and repeal certain sections of the Township Code that relate to Fire Protection and Prevention; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Sparta, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 16, Section 16-1.2, entitled, “Agency Designation,” is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 16-1.2 Agency Designation.

- a.** The local enforcing agency shall be the Hardyston Township Bureau of Fire Prevention, which shall hereinafter be known as the local enforcing agency or Bureau of Fire Prevention pursuant to a shared services agreement, effective April 1, 2026, or as soon thereafter as the agreement is approved by the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety, between the Township of Sparta and the Township of Hardyston, which is incorporated by reference herein. A copy of said agreement is on file in the municipal clerk's office.
- b.** The local enforcing agency established by this article shall be created and supervised by the Township of Hardyston and shall meet all of the requirements of the applicable law and regulations.
- c.** The chief administrative officer of the local enforcing agency shall be a state-licensed fire official appointed by the governing body of the Township of Hardyston consistent with the procedures set forth in the applicable law and regulations. The governing body of the Township of Hardyston may appoint fire inspectors and other employees of the enforcing agency consistent with applicable laws and regulations. All inspectors shall be licensed by the State.

SECTION 2. Repealer of Chapter 16, Sections 16-1.3 to 16-3.6

Sections 16-1.3 through and including Section 16-3.6 of Chapter 16 of the Township Code are hereby repealed and deleted in their entirety.

SECTION 3. All actions of the Township taken prior to the date of adoption hereof contemplated by this Ordinance are hereby ratified and approved.

SECTION 4. If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any remaining part thereof.

SECTION 5. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances of the Township of Sparta heretofore adopted that are inconsistent with any of the terms and provisions of this Ordinance, the Uniform Fire Safety Act, or the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above ordinance was introduced and passed upon first reading at a regular meeting of the Sparta Township Council held at the Municipal Building, 65 Main Street, Sparta, New Jersey on **March 10, 2026** and will be considered for final passage and adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Sparta to be held at the Municipal Building, 65 Main Street, Sparta, New Jersey, on **March 24, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.**, at which time and place all persons interested therein or affected thereby will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA.

**ROXANNE LANDY, RMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK**

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the above entitled ordinance was introduced and passed at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Sparta, held at the Municipal Building, 65 Main Street, Sparta, NJ on **March 10, 2026**. The same came up for final passage and adoption at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Sparta, held on **March 24, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.**, at the Municipal Building, 65 Main Street, Sparta, NJ and after all persons present were given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same, it was finally passed and adopted and will be in full force in the Township according to law.

**ROXANNE LANDY, RMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK**