

**ORDINANCE #2023-11**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON,  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 22 OF THE GENERAL  
CODE, ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS, OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE TO  
ESTABLISH NJDEP-MANDATED REGULATIONS FOR PRIVATELY OWNED  
SALT STORAGE**

**WHEREAS**, as part of the MS4 Tier A permit stormwater requirements, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) requires municipalities to adopt NJDEP-mandated regulations for privately owned salt storage; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer and Township Attorney have reviewed the model ordinance provided by NJDEP and recommend adoption; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee desires to adopt the NJDEP model ordinance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Union, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 22, Environmental Regulations, of the Township Code is hereby amended to establish § 22-2, Privately Owned Salt Storage, to read as follows:

**§ 22-2 Privately Owned Salt Storage.**

**§ 22-2.1 Purpose.**

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

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

**§ 22-2.2 Definitions.**

For the purpose of this ordinance, 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.

**§ 22-2.3 Deicing 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 Township of Union 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 ordinance are met. Inspection records shall be kept on site and made available to the municipality upon request.

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

#### **§ 22-2.4 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 § 14-3 above. Piles of de-icing materials are not exempt, even if stored in a permanent structure.

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

#### **§ 22-2.5 Enforcement.**

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Township Zoning Officer during the course of ordinary enforcement duties.

#### **§ 22-2.6 Violations and Penalties.**

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall have 72 hours to complete corrective action. Repeat violations and/or failure to complete corrective action shall subject such person(s) to fines and penalties in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:49-5.

**SECTION 2.** Ordinances, resolutions, regulations or parts of ordinances, resolutions and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

**SECTION 3.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such a decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage, approval, and publication, as required by law.

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Ella Ruta, Township Clerk

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David DeGiralamo, Mayor

The ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Union, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, held on September 20, 2023. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the Township Committee to be held in the meeting room of the municipal building, 140 Perryville Road Hampton, New Jersey 08827 on October 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., and during the week prior and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's Office to the members of the general public who shall request the same.

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Ella M. Ruta, RMC, Municipal Clerk