WILLINGBORO TOWNSHIP

COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE 2024-5

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 272 ENTITLED "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE" BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE ENTITLED "OUTSIDE STORAGE AND DELIVERIES OF FIREWOOD IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS."

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Willingboro, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey as follows:

Chapter 272 Property Maintenance

Article VI. Outside Storage and Delivery of Firewood in Residential Areas

272-48. Deliveries and outside storage of firewood on residential property; regulations.

A. Definitions.

As used in this section, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

FIREWOOD

Any and all wood logs, sticks, twigs, branches, stumps, stakes, and includes wood items of every kind and description used for fireplaces or wood-burning stoves.

- B. Firewood deliveries of split, cut wood, sized appropriately to be used as fuel shall be limited to two deliveries in any thirty-day period, or deliveries of log-length material that is intended to be cut, split, and sized for use as firewood is limited to one delivery every 30 days. For purposes of this section, a property owner shall be limited to either the single delivery of log-length material or the two deliveries of split length wood in any single thirty-day period.
- C. No persons shall store firewood in the front yard on residential property, except that firewood may be temporarily stored in a front yard for a period of 10 days from the date of its delivery. Storage in the side yard of a property shall be effectively screened from view so it is not visible from the front yard or any street. For the purpose of this section, when a residential structure is on a corner lot, fronting on two roads, the front yard of the structure will be the portion of the structure facing the longest street frontage. Any firewood storage on the portion of the property fronting on a street but not considered the front yard will still require screening from view so it is not visible from the street.
- D. Outside storage of firewood; generally.

- (1) The firewood shall be cut, split, prepared for use, and stored in neat, secure stacks. The firewood shall be neatly stacked and may not be stacked closer than one foot to any lot line and not higher than four feet from grade, except adjacent to a fence where firewood can be stacked as high as the fence. If the fence is on the lot line, firewood must remain one foot from the fence and the maximum height of the firewood shall be four feet.

 "Fences" used in this section shall not include hedges and other vegetation. The firewood shall be stored a minimum of eight inches off the ground and on a well-supported, nonrotting base.
- (2) There shall be no more than five cords of wood stored at any time; and no more than 1/4 of a fireplace cord shall be stored on the porch of a residential structure. Storage on a front porch must be in a factory-built metal storage device.
- (3) All brush, debris and refuse from processing of firewood shall be promptly and properly disposed of within 10 days and shall not be allowed to remain on the premises.
- (4) Woodpiles that contain diseased wood that is capable of transmitting disease to healthy trees, and woodpiles that harbor or are infested or inhabited by rats or other vermin, are public nuisances and may be abated pursuant to the provisions of this Code.
- (5) Firewood may be stored on a residential property solely for use on the premises and not for resale.

272-49. Violations and penalties.

- A. Any violation of this article shall be punishable as provided in Chapter 1, § 1-15, General penalty.
- B. Willingboro Township Code Enforcement Officers shall enforce the provisions of this article.

CERTIFICATION

I, EVERETT FALT, DO HEREBY CERTIFY this to be a true and accurate copy of an Ordinance that was duly adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Willingboro at the Regular Meeting on May 7, 2024.

rett Falt, MPA, RMC, CMC

Township Clerk

APPROVED:

Mayor

ORDINANCE 2024-05

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ROLL CALL AYE

WHITFIELD, WORTHY, ANDERSON, MAYOR MCINTOSH

NAY **NONE**

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ROLL CALL AYE

PERRONE, WHITFIELD, ANDERSON, MAYOR MCINTOSH

NAY **NONE**

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MAY 13TH, 2024