

**UNIFORM FIRE CODE ORDINANCE  
TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH  
COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-31**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR LOCAL ENFORCEMENT OF THE NEW JERSEY UNIFORM FIRE CODE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Uniform Fire Safety Act, (P.L. 1983, c.383) was enacted for the purpose of establishing a system for the enforcement of minimum fire safety standards throughout the State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs has promulgated minimum fire safety standards which have been made part of the Uniform Fire Code (N.J.A.C. 5:70.1 et seq.); and

**WHEREAS**, the Uniform Fire Safety Act authorizes municipalities to provide for local enforcement of these standards and to establish local enforcement agencies for that purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the Township of Woolwich to have the Uniform Fire Code enforced locally; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the governing body of the Township of Woolwich in the County of Gloucester and the State of New Jersey, as follows:

**Section 1. LOCAL ENFORCEMENT**

Pursuant to Section 11 of the Uniform Fire Safety Act (P.L. 1983 c. 383), the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code (N.J.A.C. 5:70-1 et seq.) shall be locally enforced in the Township of Woolwich.

**Section 2. AGENCY DESIGNATION**

The local enforcing agency shall be the Swedesboro Fire Bureau. The Swedesboro Fire Bureau shall hereinafter be known as the local enforcement agency.

**Section 3. DUTIES**

(A) The local enforcing agency shall enforce the Uniform Fire Code in all buildings, structures, and premises within the established boundaries of the Township of Woolwich other than one and two unit owner-occupied dwellings used exclusively

for dwelling purposes and buildings, structures and premises owned or operated by the Federal Government, Interstate Agencies or the State.

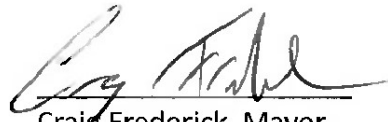
(B) The local enforcing agency shall faithfully comply with all the pertinent requirements of the Uniform Fire Safety Act and the Uniform Fire Code.

**Section 4. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

The Township of Woolwich shall defer to the Swedesboro Fire Bureau Ordinance for matters governed by Organization, Appointments, Qualifications, Term of Office, Removal, Inspections of both Life Hazard Uses and Non-Life Hazard Uses, Permits and Inspection Fees, Board of Appeals, Enforcement, Violations and Penalties, and any other provisions of the Swedesboro Fire Bureau Ordinance not otherwise inconsistent with this Ordinance.

**Section 5. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance shall be effective upon passage and publication as required by law along with the release of the executive order prohibiting LEA transfers (Order NO. 103).

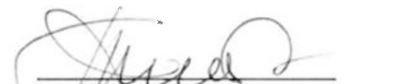
  
Craig Frederick, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Jane DiBella, Municipal Clerk

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced upon first reading by the Township Committee of the Township of Woolwich at a meeting held on the 18th day of September, 2023, and was tabled for public hearing/final adoption. The Ordinance was reintroduced by the Township Committee of the Township of Woolwich at meeting conducted on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023. It will further be considered for final adoption upon second reading and subsequent to a public hearing to be held on such Ordinance, at the next regular meeting of the Township Committee at which time any interested person(s) may be heard. Said meeting to be conducted on the 18th day of December, 2023 at the Woolwich Township Municipal Building, 120 Village Green Drive, Woolwich Twp., beginning at 6:30 p.m.

  
Jane DiBella, Municipal Clerk

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**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the County to have the Uniform Fire Code enforced locally; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Fire Marshal has agreed to the plan and for the administration and enforcement of the Uniform Fire Code.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Gloucester adopts the Uniform Fire Code Ordinance, in its entirety as attached hereto for the administration and enforcement of the Uniform Fire Code by the County Fire Marshal.

**ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Gloucester held on August 4, 2021 at Woodbury, New Jersey.

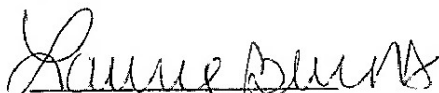
Date of Introduction: July 21, 2021  
Date of Final Adoption: August 4, 2021



COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER

  
ROBERT M. DAMMINGER, DIRECTOR

ATTEST:

  
LAURIE J. BURNS,  
CLERK OF THE BOARD

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### **Section 3. DUTIES**

- (A) The local enforcing agency shall enforce the Uniform Fire Code in all buildings, structures, and premises within the established boundaries of the County of Gloucester other than one and two unit owner-occupied dwellings used exclusively for dwelling purposes and buildings, structures, and premises owned or operated by Federal Government, Interstate Agencies or the State.
- (B) The local enforcing agency shall faithfully comply with all the pertinent requirements of the Uniform Fire Safety Act and the Uniform Fire Code.

#### **Section 4. ORGANIZATION**

- (A) The County Fire Marshal's Office established by Section 2 of this Ordinance shall be under the direct supervision and control of a fire marshal/fire official who shall report to the County Administrator.
- (B) The County Fire Marshal's Office shall have at least one paid inspector.

#### **Section 5. APPOINTMENTS, QUALIFICATIONS, TERM OF OFFICE, REMOVAL**

- (A) Appointment and Qualifications of the Fire Marshal/Fire Official.

The fire marshal/fire official shall be certified by the State and appointed by the governing body of the Gloucester County Board of Commissioners.

- (B) Appointment and Qualifications of Inspectors and Other Employees.

Inspectors and other employees of the enforcing agency shall be appointed by the governing body upon recommendation of the fire marshal/fire official. All life hazard use inspectors shall be certified by the State.

- (C) Appointment of Legal Counsel.

The governing body shall specifically appoint legal counsel to assist the agency in enforcing the Uniform Fire Code.

- (D) Term of Office.

The fire marshal/fire official shall serve for a term of a minimum of one year.

- (E) Removal from Office.

The fire marshal/fire official, inspectors and other employees of the agency shall be subject to removal by the governing body for just cause. Before removal from office, all persons shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard by the governing body or a hearing officer designated by the same.

#### **Section 6. LIFE HAZARD USES**

The County Fire Marshal's Office established by Section 2 of this ordinance shall carry out the periodic inspections of life hazard uses required by the Uniform Fire Code on behalf of the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

## **Section 7. NON-LIFE HAZARD USES**

(A) In addition to the registrations required by the Uniform Fire Code, the following non-life hazard uses shall register with the County Fire Marshal's Office. These uses shall be inspected once per year and pay an annual fee.

### *A. Assembly*

A-1	Eating establishment under 50 (No alcohol)	\$50.00
A-2	Take-out food service (no seating)	\$25.00
A-3	House of Worship	\$50.00

### *B. Business/Professional*

B-1	Professional use 1 & 2 story less than 5,000 sq. ft. per floor	\$50.00
B-2	1 & 2 story equal to or more than 5,000 sq. ft. less than 10,000 sq. ft. per floor	\$50.00
B-3	1 & 2 story more than 10,000 sq. ft.	\$75.00
B-4	3 to 5 story less than 5,000 sq. ft. per floor	\$100.00
B-5	3 to 5 story equal to or more than 5,000 sq. ft. less than 10,000 sq. ft. per floor	\$150.00
B-6	3 to 5 story over 10,000 sq. ft. per floor	\$200.00

### *C. Retail (mercantile)*

M-1	Retail Business Under 1,000 sq. ft.	\$50
M-2	Retail Business Under 5,000 sq. ft.	\$100
M-3	Retail Business Over 5,000 sq. ft.	\$200

### *D. Manufacturing (factory)*

F-1	Moderate Hazard	\$200
F-2	Low Hazard	\$100

### *S. Storage S-1 (moderate hazard S-1, low hazard S-2)*

S-1	Moderate Hazard Under 1,000 sq. ft.	\$75
S-1	Moderate Hazard Under 5,000 sq. ft.	\$150
S -1	Moderate Hazard Over 5,000 sq. ft.	\$250
S-2	Low Hazard Under 1,000 sq. ft.	\$50

S -2 Low Hazard Under 5,000 sq. ft.	\$75
S -2 Low Hazard Over 5,000 sq. ft.	\$150
S exception life hazard uses.	

*F. Residential (LEA listed with multi-family BHI)*  
 Fee is for each building

R-1	1 to 6 units	\$25.00
R-2	7 to 12 units	\$50.00
R-3	13 to 20 units	\$75.00
R-4	21 to 50 units	\$100.00
R-5	for each additional unit	\$25.00

*R. Common areas (each building)*

R-1	1 & 2 story less than 5,000 sq. ft. per floor	\$50.00
R-2	1 & 2 story equal to or more than 5,000 sq. ft. less than 10,000 sq. ft. per floor	\$75.00
R-3	1 & 2 story more than 10,000 sq. ft.	\$100.00
R-4	3 to 5 story less than 5,000 sq. ft. per floor	\$125.00
R-5	3 to 5 story equal to or more than 5,000 sq. ft. less than 10,000 sq. ft.	\$150.00
R-6	3 to 5 story over 10,000 sq. ft.	\$200.00

*Common areas (LEA not listed with BHI) (each building)*

R-1	1 & 2 story less than 5,000 sq. ft. per floor	\$50.00
R-2	1 & 2 story equal to or more than 5,000 sq. ft. less than 10,000 sq. ft. per floor	\$75.00
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Use Group (U) Miscellaneous

U-1 Farms	\$50
U-2 Utility & Miscellaneous Uses	\$50

- (B) R-A uses shall be inspected and charged a fee only upon sale or change of tenant.
- (C) Uses not classified above that are subject to the Uniform Fire Code will be classified as business uses.
- (D) Uses required to register with the State as life hazard uses shall not be required to register under this section.
- (E) Unoccupied or vacant buildings will be charged and inspected in accordance with requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.7 and 5:70-2.9 according to the previous use of the building.

- (F) All residential uses except R-A uses shall be inspected in the common areas only.

**Section 8. PERMITS AND CERTIFICATE OF FIRE CODE STATUS**

- (A) The application fees for the permits listed in N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.7(b) and 5:70-2.9(c) shall be as provided by State regulation and are currently as follows:

Type 1	\$ 54.00
Type 2	\$214.00
Type 3	\$427.00
Type 4	\$641.00

- (B) The cost for the issuance of a Certificate of Fire Code Status shall be \$35.00.

**Section 9. FEES FOR SMOKE ALARM, CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM AND PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHER COMPLIANCE**

Fees for Certificate of smoke alarm, carbon monoxide alarm and portable fire extinguisher compliance (CSACMAPFEC) as required by N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.3, shall be based upon the amount of time remaining before the change of occupant is expected, as follows:

1. Requests for CSACMAPFEC received more than 10 business days prior to the change of occupant: \$45.00;
2. Requests for a CSACMAPFEC received 4 to 10 business days prior to the change of occupant: \$90.00;
3. Requests for a CSACMAPFEC received fewer than 4 business days prior to the change of occupant: \$161.00.

**Section 10. REVISION OF FEES**

The fees established by this Ordinance may be periodically adjusted by Resolution or Amending Ordinance to ensure compliance and consistency with N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.7 and 5:70-2.9.

**Section 11. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS**

"Reserved"

**Section 12. BOARD OF APPEALS**

Pursuant to Sections 15 and 17 of the Uniform Fire Safety Act, any person aggrieved by any action of the local enforcing agency shall have the right to appeal to the Gloucester County Construction Board of Appeals.



**Section 13. ENFORCEMENT, VIOLATIONS, AND PENALTIES**

Enforcement, violations, and penalties shall be managed in conformity with the Uniform Fire Safety Act, the Uniform Fire Code and all other laws of the State of New Jersey.

**Section 14. REPEALS Key Boxes**

- (A) The New Jersey Administrative Code, N.J.A.C. 5:70, et seq., requires certain properties to be equipped with automatic alarm systems and/or sprinkler systems.
- (B) All properties within the LEA having an automatic fire alarm system or a fire sprinkler system shall be equipped with a key box. This shall not apply to owner occupied one- and two-family dwellings.
- (C) The key box shall be of a UL type and the rapid entry key box shall be installed in a location approved by the County Fire Marshal.

**Section 15. REPEALS**

The following ordinances or portions thereof are hereby repealed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 16. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance shall be effective upon passage and publication as required by law.

R-93-2023

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO AND THE TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH FOR NEW JERSEY UNIFORM FIRE CODE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT**


WHEREAS, the Borough of Swedesboro and the Township of Woolwich desire to enter into a shared services agreement for the providing of New Jersey Uniform Fire Code Administration and Enforcement, as the Local Enforcing Agency, by the Swedesboro Fire Bureau to the Township of Woolwich; and

WHEREAS, municipalities are permitted to enter into such agreements pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Swedesboro, in the County of Gloucester, New Jersey herein authorizes the execution of a shared services agreement between the Borough of Swedesboro, County of Gloucester, and the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester for New Jersey Uniform Fire Code Administration and Enforcement services to commence as of October 1, 2023. Furthermore, the Mayor of Swedesboro is authorized and directed to execute any and all documents and agreements necessary in order to effectuate such shared services. This Resolution shall take effect October 1, 2023.

ADOPTED, at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Swedesboro in the County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey, held on September 18, 2023.

ATTEST:

  
Lois M. Elder, Clerk

BOROUGH OF SWEDESBORO

  
Thomas W. Fromm, Mayor

COUNCILMEMBER	MOVED	SECONDED	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Booker			✓			
Mr. Casella			✓			
Mr. Flaherty			✓			
Ms. Gahrs		✓	✓			
Ms. Hale			✓			
Mr. Weeks	✓		✓			
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