

Explanation: This Ordinance prohibits anyone required to register pursuant to the Registration and Notification of Release of Certain Offenders Act from residing or living within 2,500 feet of any school, park, playground or day care center in the Township of Hillsborough.

TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH

ORDINANCE NO. 2005-45

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH TO ADD CHAPTER 154, TITLED “MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS AND OFFENSES.”

WHEREAS, there are presently no State laws which concern or touch upon the prohibition of convicted sex offenders from residing or living near areas where children regularly meet and congregate; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillsborough believes that it is in its residents' best interests to adopt additional regulations regarding convicted sex offenders, so as to protect the health, safety and welfare of the children of the municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hillsborough, in the County of Somerset and State of New Jersey, that the Code of the Township of Hillsborough be amended to add Chapter 154, titled “Children’s Safety Zones”, as amended and supplemented, be further amended and supplemented to include the following:

Chapter 154

CHILDREN’S SAFETY ZONES

1. Sex offender residency prohibition: 2,500 feet

(a) No person over the age of eighteen (18) who has been convicted of a violation of any crime against a minor as listed in N.J.S.A. 2C:7-2, and who, as a result of said conviction, is required to register with the proper authorities pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:7-1 et seq., Registration and Notification of Release of Certain Offenders Act, shall be permitted to reside or live within 2,500 feet of any school, park, playground or day care center in the Township.

(b) A person who resides or lives within 2,500 feet of any school, park, playground or day care center in the Township shall have sixty (60) days from receipt of written

notice of the prohibition set forth herein to move. Failure to move to a location which is in compliance with this Ordinance within the permitted period shall constitute a violation of this Ordinance.

(c) This Ordinance shall not apply to a person who has established a residence in the Township prior to November 1, 2005.

(d) Any violation of this Ordinance shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding \$1,250.00; imprisonment for a term not exceeding ninety (90) days; a period of community service not exceeding ninety (90) days.

2. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption, passage and publication according to law.

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Published: 10/20/05

ATTEST:

**HILLSBOROUGH
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

By: _____
Kevin P. Davis, Clerk/
Administrator

By: _____
Robert C. Wagner, Jr., Mayor