

CHAPTER 94: FIRE PREVENTION

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ENFORCEMENT OF THE UNIFORM FIRE SAFETY ACT

§ 94.01 LOCAL ENFORCEMENT.

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

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[1] **Editor's Note:**

See *N.J.S.A. 52:27D-202*.

§ 94.02 DESIGNATION OF ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

The local enforcing agency shall be the Fire Prevention Bureau (hereinafter also referred to as Fire Marshal Office or Fire Official Office), Township Fire Department, established for the entire geographical area of the Township of Voorhees. The Fire Prevention Bureau/Township Fire Department shall hereinafter be known as the "local enforcing agency."

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§ 94.03 DUTIES OF ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

The local enforcing agency shall enforce the Uniform Fire Safety Act, the Uniform Fire Code and all regulations adopted under it in all buildings, structures and premises within the geographic boundaries of the township other than one- and two-unit owner-occupied dwellings used exclusively for dwelling purposes and buildings, structures and premises owned or operated by the government, interstate, state, and county agencies. The local enforcing agency shall faithfully comply with the requirements of the Uniform Fire Safety Act and Uniform Fire Code.

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§ 94.04 ORGANIZATION OF ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

The local enforcing agency established in §94.02 of this chapter shall be part of the Township Fire Department and shall be under the supervision of the Fire Official who shall report to the Chief of the Fire Department. Such funds as may be necessary to support the operations of the agency, shall be raised by the Township Fire Department quarterly rebates of LHM fees from the state and other fees in a manner provided by law.

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§ 94.05 APPOINTMENTS; TERMS OF OFFICE; REMOVAL.

(A) *Appointment of the Fire Official/Fire Marshal.* The Fire Official/Fire Marshal shall be appointed by the Township Committee. Said Fire Official/Fire Marshal shall meet the requirements and qualifications as set forth by the division of fire safety and shall be certified to the same.

(B) *Terms of office.* The terms of office for the Fire Official, Deputy Fire Officials and the Fire Inspectors/Investigators/Fire Prevention Specialists shall be set forth by the Township Committee.

(C) *Inspections/investigators and employees.* The Fire Department shall appoint such inspectors/ investigators/fire prevention specialists and other employees as may be necessary to carry out all required inspection activity in the Fire Department. Such inspectors shall be under the supervision and control of the Fire Official. All life hazard use inspectors shall be certified by the state.

(D) *Deputy Fire Officials.* The Fire Department shall appoint such Deputy Fire Officials/Fire Marshals as necessary to maintain the safe and efficient operations of the local enforcing agency in the absence of the Fire Official/Fire Marshal. Their authority shall be the same as a fire inspector except in such times, as assigned by the Fire Official/Fire Marshal in writing to fulfill his/her duties and act on his/her behalf due to his/her absence or lack of availability. This authority may also be granted by the Township Committee, if the Fire Official/Fire Marshal should become incapacitated to perform the duties for a period of time.

(1) Said Deputy Fire Officials/Fire Marshals shall meet the requirements and qualifications as set forth by the division of fire safety and shall be certified to the same.

(2) Said Deputy Fire Officials/Fire Marshals shall be approved by resolution of Township Committee.

(E) *Attorney.* Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:71-3.2(d), the Fire Department shall appoint an attorney as the designated local enforcing agency attorney.

(F) *Removal from office.* The Fire Official and the fire inspectors/investigators/fire prevention specialists and other employees of the enforcing agency shall be subject to removal by the Township Committee for inefficiency or misconduct. All employees to be removed shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard by the appointing authority or designated hearing officer.

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§ 94.06 BOARD OF APPEALS.

Pursuit to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-206 and 208, of the Uniform Fire Safety Act, any person aggrieved by any order of the local enforcing agency shall have the right to appeal to the Construction Board of Appeals of the county.

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§ 94.07 LIFE HAZARD USES.

The local enforcing agency established by §94.02 of this chapter shall carry out periodic inspections of life hazard uses required by the Uniform Fire Code on behalf of the Commissioner of the State Department of Community Affairs.

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§ 94.08 ADDITIONAL REQUIRED INSPECTIONS AND FEES.

(A) *Use group annual inspections and fees.* In addition to the inspection and fees required pursuant to the Act and the regulations of the Department of Community Affairs, the following additional annual inspections and fees shall be required for non-life hazards:

(1) *Business.*

USE GROUP	DESCRIPTION	ANNUAL FEE
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B1	Business establishments having a gross floor area of 500 square feet or less	\$75

B2	Business establishments having a gross floor area of 501 square feet or more but less than 3,500 square feet	\$125
B3	Business establishments having a gross floor area of 3,501 square feet or more but less than 7,500 square feet	\$175
B4	Business establishments having a gross floor area of 7,501 square feet or more but less than 12,000 square feet	\$225
B5	Business establishments having a gross floor area of 12,001 square feet or more but less than 24,000 square feet	\$375
B6	Business establishments having a gross floor area of 24,001 square feet or more but less than 48,000 square feet	\$550
B7	Business establishments having a gross floor area of 48,001 square feet or more	\$900
B8	Business/Multi. Multiple business occupancy shall include all buildings and structures or parts thereof which are used for the purposes that meet the requirements of use group B and which comprise a multiplicity of rooms, suites or areas to accommodate multiple business occupancies, not to exceed 30 in number, which are rented from a common owner. The owner, who shall control access to all areas, shall provide basic services as are needed for the tenants to conduct their business, at their option. These services may include but are not limited to clerical, phone answering, and message taking, photocopying and reproduction, mail services, security and secretarial and stenographers.	\$500

(2) *Mercantile.*

USE GROUP	DESCRIPTION	ANNUAL FEE
M1	Mercantile establishments having a gross floor area of 500 square feet or less	\$75
M2	Mercantile establishments having a gross floor area of 501 square feet or more but less than 3,500 square feet	\$125
M3	Mercantile establishments having a gross floor area of 3,501 square feet or more but less than 7,500 square feet	\$200
M4	Mercantile establishments having a gross floor area of 7,501 square feet or more but less than 12,000 square feet	\$250

(3) *Factory.*

USE GROUP	DESCRIPTION	ANNUAL FEE
F1	Factories having a gross floor area of less than 12,000 square feet	\$350
F2	Factories having a gross floor area of 12,001 square feet or more but less than 24,000 square feet	\$550
F3	Factories having a gross floor area of 24,001 square feet or more but less than 48,000 square feet	\$800
F4	Factories having a gross floor area of 48,001 square feet or more	\$1,000

(4) *Storage.*

USE GROUP	DESCRIPTION	ANNUAL FEE
S1	Building used for storage with a gross floor area of less than 3,500 square feet	\$225

S2	Building used for storage with a gross floor area of 3,501 square feet or more but less than 7,500 square feet	\$350
S3	Building used for storage with a gross floor area of 7,501 square feet or more but less than 12,000 square feet	\$450
S4	Building used for storage with a gross floor area of 12,001 square feet or more but less than 24,000 square feet	\$550
S5	Building used for storage with a gross floor area of 24,001 square feet or more but less than 48,000 square feet	\$750
S6	Building used for storage with a gross floor area of 48,001 square feet or more	\$1,000

(5) *Residential.*

R1	Apartments and condominiums (common areas only)	\$15/unit
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(6) *Fee exempt buildings.* All government buildings, including fire stations, EMS stations, police stations, etc. (but excluding meeting halls, rental halls, social halls, and common areas) that are not classified as a life hazard use shall have their fees waived.

(B) *Fire safety use groups defined.* For the purposes of uniformity, use groups of all buildings contained in this section of this chapter shall be defined using the 2006 Edition of the International Construction Code. Such buildings shall be subject to the registration and periodic inspection requirements established by this chapter. Where two or more life safety uses exist at the same building or premises, each one shall be considered as separate and distinct for the purposes of this chapter and shall be registered pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

(C) *Doubtful fire safety use classification.* When a building or structure is not specifically classified within a fire safety use group, such building shall be included in the fire safety use group it most nearly resembles in respect to the existing life and fire hazard. It shall also be classified by the Fire Official.

(D) *Vacant buildings.* The annual inspection and fee for all vacant buildings shall be in accordance with the previous use of the building.

(E) *Required inspections.* All fire safety uses shall be inspected annually for compliance with the provisions of this chapter and the Uniform Fire Safety Act.^[1] When in the opinion of the Fire Official there exist conditions likely to cause fire, contribute to the spread of fire, interfere with fire-fighting operation, endanger life or violate the provisions or intent of this chapter, additional inspections may be made as often as necessary for the purpose of ascertaining these conditions and causing them to be corrected.

^[1] **Editor's Note:**

See N.J.S.A. 52.27D-192 et seq.

(F) *Payment of fees.* The owner of the building is responsible to register and pay the fee for buildings containing common or public areas. The tenant/occupant is responsible to register and pay the fee for the space occupied by the tenant/occupant. All registrations will be for a period of one year and are not subject to a refund or proration, and are non-transferable.

(G) *Registration of buildings and annual fees.*

(1) Every owner or tenant/occupant subject to this section shall file with the local enforcing agency, using forms provided by the local enforcing agency, for certification or registration. The application shall include but not be limited to the name, address and telephone number of the applicant; name, address and telephone number of the business; description of the business; the name, address and telephone number of the person responsible for the business; and emergency contact information as requested.

(2) If the owner or tenant/occupant subject to this chapter fails to complete the registration within 30 days of the date on which it was mailed, the local enforcing agency shall order the owner or tenant/occupant to pay a penalty equal to double the scheduled registration fee.

(3) Every owner or tenant/occupant subject to this chapter shall pay the local enforcing agency an annual registration fee in the amount specified in this chapter. Said annual registration fee shall be paid by the date specified in the invoice, which shall in no event be less than 30 days from the date on which it was mailed.

(H) *Enforcement.* If any annual registration fee or any penalty for non-registration is not paid within 30 days of its stated due date, the same may be sued for and recovered by and in the name of the local enforcing agency in a civil action by a summary proceeding under the Penalty Enforcement Law (N.J.S.A. 2A:58-1 et seq.)^[2] in the Township Municipal Court.

^[2] **Editor's Note:**

N.J.S.A. 2A:58-1 was repealed by P.L. 1999, c. 274, §4. See now N.J.S.A. 2A:58-10 et seq.

(l) *Other fees.*

(1) *Fire incident/investigation, EMS reports.*

(a) An administrative fee shall be charged to any entity requesting reproduction of a fire incident or fire investigative report, which is or is not classified a public document under the New Jersey Open Public Records Act, and shall be handled in accordance with OPRA regulations and fees.

(b) *Exception.* Any township resident or business owner will be entitled to reproductions of any of the above referenced reports for incidents in which they are directly involved, at no cost.

(2) *Certificate of Fire Code status.* As per Section 5:70-2.2(e) (N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.2(e)) of the Uniform Fire Code, any request for a certificate of Fire Code status shall be: \$25.

(3) *Returned check fees.* Any returned check shall cost \$35 or the actual costs of recovery, whichever is higher.

(4) *Fire watch.* Any business required to provide a fire watch, who is unable to perform them as defined by the policies of the Township Fire Department, or requests the use of Fire Department personnel to perform the fire watch, the cost shall be \$85 per hour per firefighter assigned. At any time the Fire Official shall determine the number of people required to perform an adequate fire watch that conforms with the policies of the department.

(5) *Exclusive fire safety training.*

(a) Fire safety training beyond the normal scope and delivery of fire safety programs administered by the Township Fire Department, that is requested for the compliance with governmental regulation, including but not limited to fire extinguisher, evacuation planning and hazardous materials training shall be compensated at the rate of \$150 per hour.

(b) The use of any props or consumables by the Fire Department in any training provided shall be reimbursed by the requesting party at actual costs, or costs as set forth by the Fire Department in advance.

(6) *Civil court appearance and depositions.* Any employee or volunteer member of the Township Fire Department subpoenaed to testify in civil court or at a deposition shall appear and compensation to the Township Fire Department shall be made as follows: \$150 per hour, with a minimum four-hour block and \$0.53 per mile plus tolls for distances exceeding 25 miles.

(7) *Investigative conferences and meetings.* Any uninterrupted one hour conference at the Township Fire Department Stations, on site, or at a location designated by the requestor shall be set forth as follows: \$85 per hour.

(8) *Hazardous materials.*

(a) All expenditures for providing hazardous materials mitigation supplied by the Township Fire Department will be the responsibility of the entity responsible and/or the owner of the property. Such costs will be itemized and reviewed by the Director of Emergency Services prior to the invoice being sent to the responsible party and/or owner. The cost shall not exceed the estimated cost of providing the service. Once an invoice is received by an entity, payment shall be made in full within 60 days. Failure to pay within 60 days will result in the responsible party being liable for a further penalty upon conviction for nonpayment in Municipal Court. The penalty upon conviction is \$100 for each offense.

(9) *Cost of suppression.* If the origin and cause of a fire results from a violation of the Uniform Fire Safety Act^[3] previously cited by the Fire Official or an employee designated to do so, the owner/occupant shall be responsible for the cost of the fire suppression.

[3] **Editor's Note:**

See N.J.S.A. 52:27D-192 et seq.

(10) *Site plan/subdivision plan reviews.* All plan reviews shall be subject to a fee of \$100 for each review.

(11) *After hours inspections.*

(a) The regular business hours of the Fire Prevention Bureau are 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. The following fee schedule shall be implemented for after-hours inspections where inspections are requested to be performed after regular business hours. The Fire Official may dictate after hours inspections at his/her discretion in order to inspect businesses who typically conduct a large portion of their business after normal hours, to inspect the businesses under normal operating conditions.

(b) *Fees.*

Hours	Amount
1 or less	\$150
1 to 4 hours	\$300
4 to 8 hours	\$500

(12) *Fire Department event stand-by (Fire or EMS).*

(a) The Township Fire Department is the exclusive provider of fire and EMS services for the township, any business required to provide a stand-by for an event, or where a request for the use of Fire Department personnel to stand-by, the cost shall be in accordance with the Fire Department stand-by fee schedule as assigned with a minimum of four personnel for a fire apparatus and a minimum of two personnel for an ambulance. All requests will be upon approval by the Township Fire Department and upon their availability to fulfill the request. Requests for an individual firefighter or EMT for an event shall be approved on a case by case basis upon determination by the Fire Department.

(b) Any time a stand-by is required by the Fire Official as part of a permit for an event, the Township Fire Department shall provide those services at the fees set forth in their stand-by fee schedule. The use of outside vendors or companies to provide fire or EMS services is prohibited.

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§ 94.09 VIOLATIONS; PENALTIES; FINES; OBSTRUCTION OF DUTIES.

(A) All violations and penalties pertaining to the Uniform Fire Code shall be written, cited, and collected pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.12 and N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.12A. No penalty shall be imposed except upon issuance of a written order requiring abatement and the allowance of a reasonable specified period in which to comply, unless a clear and evident notice of violation exist. Any person, agent, firm or corporation who shall violate any provisions of this subchapter or the Uniform Fire Code shall be subject to penalties. A separate offense may be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

(1) The minimum penalties shall be as follows:

- (a) First offense - \$100 per violation and a dedicated penalty of equal amount per violation.
- (b) Second offense - \$250 per violation.
- (c) Third offense - \$500 per violation.

(2) Nothing above shall in any way restrict the Fire Official from assessing higher penalties based on the severity or reoccurrence of any violation covered by this code.

(B) All other violations and fines pertaining to the Township Fire Prevention Ordinance, this Chapter 94, shall be written as a summons of civil action by a summary proceeding under the Penalty Enforcement Law N.J.S.A. 2A:58-1 *et seq.* in the Township Municipal Court. Unless otherwise specifically stated in this chapter the following penalties and/or fines apply to any person who violates any provision of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to any combination of the following:

- (1) A fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000.
- (2) A term of imprisonment not exceeding 90 days.
- (3) A period of community service not exceeding 90 days.

(C) *Obstruction of duties.* Any person, agent, firm or corporation that obstructs or hinders or causes to obstruct or hinder the Fire Official or his/her designee in the performance of their duties, shall be deemed to have caused a clear and evident notice of violation and may be, at the discretion of the Fire Official, immediately penalized and/or fined a maximum of \$5,000 per occurrence.

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§ 94.10 PERMIT FEES.

(A) The permit fees to be charged by the Fire Official.

(1) As defined and required by the Uniform Fire Code, the fees for permits issued shall be set forth in the following table.

(2) The following table outlines the permit fee schedule:

<i>USER TYPE</i>	<i>FEE</i>
<i>USER TYPE</i>	<i>FEE</i>
Type 1	\$100
Type 2	\$400
Type 2 Propane Exchange	
720 pounds or less	\$166
721 pounds or 2,500 pounds	\$355

Type 3	\$600
Type 4	\$800

(B) Fees for permits may be waived for permits, at the direction of the Fire Official, if they are in conjunction with a government function or activity, for a bonafide non-profit entity, or as a portion of a regular function of the business requesting the permit.

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§ 94.11 COLLECTION OF FEES.

(A) *Delinquent fees.*

(1) All fees and registration forms must be returned to the Fire Prevention Bureau within 30 days of having been mailed. Failure to respond within this 30-day period will result in a default notice being sent by the Fire Official. If the registration and fees are not returned within 15 days of the default notice having been mailed, penalties will be imposed pursuant to the Uniform Fire Code. Failure to pay the registration fee or any penalties assessed shall result in a person being liable for a further penalty upon conviction for nonpayment or nonregistration. The penalty upon conviction is \$100 for each offense.

(2) Collection of any unpaid fee or penalty shall be enforced through the Township Municipal Court or a court of competent jurisdiction.

(B) *Authorization to bill and institute litigation for costs.* The Fire Chief or his/her designee is hereby authorized to bill and collect the costs due from any person responsible for said costs and, where necessary, to direct the Fire Department Solicitor to institute litigation for the recovery of such costs.

(1) *No relief of responsibility for ownership transfer.* No property owner shall be relieved of the responsibility for costs of fire suppression arising under circumstances present during his/her ownership solely by reason of the fact that he/she has transferred ownership of the property before or after the fire giving rise to the costs.

(2) *Additional actions and remedies.* The remedies provided in this section shall supplement any remedies available to the Fire Department by state law or are cumulative as other township ordinances and shall not preclude the Fire Department from taking any other action to recover costs associated with fire suppression services and the mitigation and removal of dangerous and hazardous conditions.

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§ 94.12 TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.

(A) Storage or parking of internal combustion engine vehicle or equipment.

(1) General. No person shall store or park, or cause to store or park, any internal combustion engine, vehicle or equipment (including but not limited to: motorcycle, moped, dirt bike, lawnmower, weed trimmer, snow blower or any such equipment) within or on any apartment or multifamily dwelling unit, porch, balcony, covered patio, entrance, exit, common area, laundry room, basement or mechanical room, or any other private area of an apartment or multifamily dwelling.

(2) Exception: approved storage areas designated and constructed with the required fire separation as required by the New Jersey Uniform Construction Code in effect at the time of the building's construction.

(B) Barbeques and Open Burning.

(1) Barbeques. No person shall operate, use or maintain any open fire or any device commonly known as a "barbeque" in or on any apartment unit, porch, balcony, patio or any other private area of an apartment or multiple-family dwelling unit. The Fire Official may, upon application made, exempt any person from the provisions of this section, provided that the request is made in writing and the Fire Official certifies that the procedures are safe in regard to fire protection and fire prevention standards, which standards are incorporated into this code.

(2) Applicability.

(a) This article applies to all outdoor burning and open burning in the Township of Voorhees.

(b) This article does not apply to grilling or cooking food using permanently installed and approved appliances.

(c) This article does not apply to burning for the purpose of generating heat in a stove, furnace, fireplace or other approved and properly installed heating device within a building used for human or animal habitation.

(d) This article does not apply to the use of propane, acetylene, natural gas, gasoline, or kerosene in an approved device intended for heating, construction, or maintenance activities, as such they are being utilized in accordance with their intended purpose in a safe manner.

(3) Definitions. As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

CAMPFIRE. A small outdoor fire intended for recreation or cooking, but not including a fire intended for the disposal of

waste wood or refuse.

CLEAN WOOD. Natural wood which has not been painted, varnished, or coated with a similar material; has not been pressure-treated with preservatives; and does not contain resins or glues as in plywood or other composite wood products.

CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION WASTE. Building waste materials, including but not limited to waste shingles, insulation, lumber, treated wood, painted wood, wiring, plastics, packaging, and rubble that results from construction, remodeling repair, and demolition operation on a house, commercial or industrial building, or other structure.

FIRE OFFICIAL. The Fire Official for the Township of Voorhees, or other person designated by the Fire Official.

MUNICIPALITY. The Township of Voorhees.

OPEN BURNING. Kindling or maintaining a fire where the products of combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney. This includes burning in a burn barrel.

OUTDOOR BURNING. Open burning or burning in an outdoor wood-fired boiler or patio wood-burning unit.

PATIO WOOD-BURNING UNIT. A Chiminea, patio warmer, outdoor fireplace or other portable wood-burning device used for outdoor recreation and/or heating.

REFUSE. Any waste material, except trees, logs, brush, stumps, leaves, grass clippings, and other vegetative matter.

(4) General Prohibition. Open burning and outdoor burning are prohibited in the Township of Voorhees unless the burning is specifically permitted by this article.

(5) Open burning of refuse. Open burning of refuse is prohibited.

(6) Burning trees, logs, brush, stumps, leaves, and grass clippings. Open burning of trees, logs, brush, stumps, leaves and grass clippings is prohibited.

(7) Outdoor wood-fired boilers. No person shall install, use, or maintain an outdoor wood-fired boiler in the Township of Voorhees, unless approved by permit through the construction official.

(8) Patio wood-burning units. A patio wood-burning unit may be installed and used in the Township of Voorhees, only in accordance with all of the following provisions.

(a) The patio wood-burning unit shall not be used to burn refuse.

(b) The patio wood-burning unit shall burn only clean, dry wood.

(c) The patio wood-burning unit shall be located at least 15 feet from the nearest structure which is not on the same property as the patio wood-burning unit. The unit shall not be located less than 10 feet from combustible structures on the same property or on any decks, porches or balconies.

(d) The patio wood-burning unit and its by-products shall not cause a nuisance to neighbors.

(e) It must be in an approved container with an ember-suppressing lid. (Stone/block fire pits must have a lid or screen.)

(f) The use of flammable liquids and accelerants is prohibited.

(g) Trees, brush, grass, leaves, or other natural material is prohibited.

(h) It must have a working garden hose stretched to the fire place or an approved fire extinguisher within 10 feet.

(9) [Reserved.]

(10) Liability. A person utilizing or maintaining an outdoor fire shall be responsible for all fire-suppression costs and other liability resulting from damage caused by the fire.

(11) Right of entry and inspection. The Fire Official, his/her designee may inspect any property for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with the provisions of this article.

(12) Enforcement; violations and penalties.

(a) The Fire Official, his/her designee and the Township of Voorhees are authorized to enforce the provisions of this article.

(b) The Fire Official, at any time and with just cause, has the right to revoke a permit.

(c) Any person, firm, association, partnership, corporation, or governmental entity who or which violates any of the provisions of this article or fails to comply with a duly authorized order issued pursuant to this article shall be deemed responsible for a municipal civil infraction, which shall be punishable by a civil fine of no less than \$50.00 and no more than \$100.00.

(d) The violator shall pay costs, which may include all expenses, direct and indirect, which the Township of Voorhees has incurred in connection with the municipal infraction. In no case, however, shall costs of less than \$50.00 or more than \$100.00 be ordered. In addition the Township of Voorhees shall have the right to proceed in any court of competent

jurisdiction for the purpose of obtaining an injunction, restraining order, or other appropriate remedy to compel compliance with this article. Each day that a violation of this article exists shall constitute a separate violation of this article.

(C) Insurance reports for fire-damaged buildings; time limit.

(1) All Owners, lessees or tenants of any building or structure damaged by fire and subjected to assistance from the Fire Department in the Township of Voorhees shall report to said Fire Department the name and address of the fire insurance carrier, the name and address of the insurance agent on such policy and the policy limits of coverage. This information shall be supplied to the Fire Official within five days of the date of the fire in question.

(D) Fire Hydrants.

(1) It shall be unlawful to obscure from view, damage, deface, obstruct or restrict the access to any fire hydrant or any fire department connection for the pressurization of fire suppression systems, including fire hydrants that are located on private streets and access lanes or on private property. The clear space shall be defined as a minimum of 3' in any direction of a fire hydrant or fire department connection, or as defined and requested by the Fire Official for efficient access. The Fire Official or his designee may assess, levy and collect penalties and or fines to ensure compliance. If the obstructions or encroachments are not removed, the Fire Official shall proceed to remove the same. Costs incurred in the performance of necessary work shall be paid from the Township of Voorhees on certificate of the Fire Official and with the Approval of Township Committee; and the Township shall institute appropriate action for the recovery of such costs.

(2) [Reserved.]

(3) No person shall tamper with, connect to, turn on, adjust, damage or attempt to tamper with, connect to, open, turn on or adjust any fire hydrant owned by or connected to the Township water system. Authorization must be received by the Fire Chief, or authorized representative of the Township of Voorhees and NJ American Water to access any hydrant in the Township.

(4) Fire Hydrants shall be of the size and type as designated by the Fire Official.

(5) The current minimum standard for hydrants in the Township of Voorhees shall be Mueller Super Centurion model with two (2) 2 1/2" National Standard Thread Side Caps, and one (1) 5" Storz front main steamer connection. If the water available at the installation location is greater than the output of the hydrant specified, the Fire Official or his/her designee may specify a hydrant with additional outputs to allow maximum use of available water supply.

(6) All existing private hydrants must be brought in compliance with this standard upon annual inspection of the premises.

(7) All existing NJ American Water hydrants shall be requested to meet this standard as quickly as reasonably possible, upon a schedule approved by the Fire Official.

(E) Rapid Entry Key Systems.

(1) All Buildings with an automatic fire alarm or sprinkler system or with roll down shutters or grates are required to have a rapid access key box installed at the expense of the owner or occupant of the structure, in an accessible location to be approved by the Fire Official, or his/her designee. The key box shall be a type approved by the Fire Official and shall be installed in a manner approved by the Fire Official or his/her designee. The key box needs to be of a size necessary to meet the needs of the building or complex and shall contain the following pertinent items:

(a) Updated keys necessary for access to all points of the premises.

(b) Keys to all fire alarm control panels, keys necessary to operate or service fire alarm panels and keys necessary to operate or service fire protection systems.

(c) Electronic Key Cards.

(d) Access codes for doors and fire alarm/protection systems.

(e) Elevator and Emergency information.

(f) Floor Plans.

(g) Any other pertinent information which may be needed in an emergency or as required by the Fire Chief or Fire Official.

(2) Complexes containing multiple buildings shall have a key box installed on each building unless otherwise approved in writing by the Fire Official, which said waiver may be revoked at any time for improved access by the Fire Department. The Fire Official may at his/her discretion grant a waiver to the key box requirement for buildings open and appropriately staffed 24 hours per day.

(3) Access to key boxes shall only be available to authorized emergency personnel and only by the master key. A key inventory shall be maintained by the Voorhees Township Fire Department at least annually to ensure all keys are maintained appropriately.

(4) Any building owner or occupant who fails to install a key box in violation of this chapter, after receiving due notice from the Fire Official, or his/her designee, will be issued a penalty of not less than \$100.00. If the violation remains unabated

after 30 days from the date that the original violation is issued, a daily penalty of \$100.00 will be imposed for each day thereafter that the violation remains unabated.

(5) In the event of an emergency, or the absence of necessary keys, the Voorhees Township Fire Department or such Departments with Mutual Aid Agreements established shall not be liable for damages incurred in the access of such properties.

(F) Fire Watch.

(1) A Fire watch. For this purpose of this chapter, the term "fire watch" shall mean a person assigned to be in an area for the express purpose of notifying the Fire Department of an emergency, preventing a fire from occurring, extinguishing small fires, or protecting the public from fire or life safety dangers addressed in this chapter.

(2) A Fire watch shall be ordered when at any time a building or portion thereof protected by a fire alarm or fire suppression system, has a reduction in the amount of protection normally provided for the building or portion thereof. A fire watch may also be ordered at any time at the discretion of the Fire Official when the safety of occupants is believed to be in an above normal risk of fire or life safety dangers.

(3) A Fire watch shall be performed by a person appropriately trained and competent to handle the assigned fire watch, and complete all required documentation in accordance with paperwork and policy to be obtained from the Fire Official or his/her designee.

(4) In the event the occupant/ owner are unable to adequately perform the functions of fire watch to the satisfaction of the Fire Official or his/her designee. A member of the Fire Department shall be assigned to the function at a fee set forth in section § 94.08.

(5) A Fire watch may only be terminated with permission of the Fire Official or his/her designee. This is typically only once all prior fire protection has been restored and the building or a portion thereof is declared safe for normal operations.

(G) Signs, Labeling and Identification.

(1) All doorway entrances shall have printed thereon, in block letters at least three inches high, and approximately six inches from the top of the doorway, in conspicuously contrasting colors, the name of the commercial establishment located therein; provided however, that there shall be exempt from this requirement such main entrance(s) as are otherwise conspicuously and clearly marked with the identity of the commercial establishment located therein. It is the intent of this provision that emergency personnel arriving at the scene of a fire or other emergency have immediate identification of access routes to commercial occupancies located in a particular commercial building or buildings. This shall include the rear entrances to all occupancies as well, inclusive of those for employees only.

(2) All occupancies with multiple occupants or business suites shall clearly identify all tenants within said space at all times. For residential and commercial properties this may be accomplished by identifying suite or apartment numbers and or letters.

(3) All buildings containing a Fire Department Connection, shall have signs posted that are RED on WHITE, retroreflective and that meet the requirements of the Voorhees Township Fire Prevention Bureau policies on FDC signage, subject at all times to final approval of the Fire Official.

(4) All buildings containing Solar Panels shall have approved signage clearly posted, subject at all times to the approval of the Fire Official.

(5) At all times the Fire Official or his/her designee may require additional signage in order to improve the access by the Fire Department to all properties and any associated building features including but not limited to: Fire Lanes, Roof Access, Alarm Panels, Fire Equipment Rooms, HVAC units, Utility Meters, Elevator Rooms, Mechanical Spaces, Solar Panels, etc.

(H) Fire Lanes (see Chapter 75: Parking Schedules, Schedule V: Fire Zones). The Voorhees Township Fire Department Fire Prevention Bureau shall have Concurrent Jurisdiction with the Voorhees Township Police Department for the enforcement of Fire Lanes in the same manner and in accordance with Chapter 75 of the Voorhees Township Municipal Code.

(I) Nuisance Alarms (see Chapter 100: Alarms). The Voorhees Township Fire Department shall enforce Nuisance Fire Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Alarms in the same manner and in accordance with Chapter 100 of the Voorhees Township Municipal Code.

(J) FEE SCHEDULE:

(1) Business.

USE GROUP	DESCRIPTION	ANNUAL FEE
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B1	Business Establishments having a gross floor area of 500 square feet or less	\$75.00

B2	Business Establishments having a gross floor area of 501 square feet or more but less than 3500 square feet	\$125.00
B3	Business Establishments having a gross floor area of 3501 square feet or more but less than 7500 square feet	\$175.00
B4	Business Establishments having a gross floor area of 7501 square feet or more but less than 12,000 square feet	\$225.00
B5	Business Establishments having a gross floor area of 12,001 square feet or more but less than 24,000 square feet	\$375.00
B6	Business Establishments having a gross floor area of 24,001 square feet or more but less than 48,000 square feet	\$550.00
B7	Business Establishments having a gross floor area of 48,001 square feet or more	\$900.00
B8	Business/Multi. Multiple business occupancy shall include all buildings and structures or parts thereof which are used for the purposes that meet the requirements of use group B and which comprise a multiplicity of rooms, suites or areas to accommodate multiple business occupancies, not to exceed 30 in number, which are rented from a common owner. The owner, who shall control access to all areas, shall provide basic services as are needed for the tenants to conduct their business, at their option. These services may include but are not limited to clerical, phone answering, and message taking, photocopying and reproduction, mail services, security and secretarial and stenographers.	\$500.00

(2) Mercantile.

USE GROUP	DESCRIPTION	ANNUAL FEE
M1	Mercantile establishments having a gross floor area of 500 square feet or less	\$75.00
M2	Mercantile establishments having a gross floor area of 501 square feet or more but less than 3500 square feet	\$125.00
M3	Mercantile establishments having a gross floor area of 3501 square feet or more but less than 7500 square feet	\$200.00
M4	Mercantile establishments having a gross floor area of 7501 square feet or more but less than 12,000 square feet	\$250.00

(3) Factory.

USE GROUP	DESCRIPTION	ANNUAL FEE
F1	Factories having a gross floor area of less than 12,000 square feet	\$350.00
F2	Factories having a gross floor area of 12,001 square feet or more but less than 24,000 square feet	\$550.00
F3	Factories having a gross floor area of 24,001 square feet or more but less than 48,000 square feet	\$800.00
F4	Factories having a gross floor area of 48,001 square feet or more.	\$1,000.00

(4) Storage.

USE GROUP	DESCRIPTION	ANNUAL FEE
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S1	Building used for storage with a gross floor area of less than 3500 square feet	\$225.00
S2	Building used for storage with a gross floor area of 3501 square feet or more but less than 7500 square feet	\$350.00
S3	Building used for storage with a gross floor area of 7501 square feet or more but less than 12,000 square feet	\$450.00
S4	Building used for storage with a gross floor area of 12,001 square feet or more but less than 24,000 square feet	\$550.00
S5	Building used for storage with a gross floor area of 24,001 square feet or more but less than 48,000 square feet	\$750.00
S6	Building used for storage with a gross floor area of 48,001 square feet or more	\$1,000.00

(5) Residential.

R1	Apartments and Condominiums (common areas only)	\$15.00/unit
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Certificate of Fire Code status shall be: \$25.00.

Returned Check Fees: Thirty Five Dollars, (\$35.00) or the actual costs of recovery, whichever is higher.

Fire Watch: eighty-five dollars (\$85.00/hour/ff) per hour per firefighter assigned.

Exclusive Fire Safety Training: One Hundred and Fifty Dollars \$150.00 per hour.

Civil Court Appearance and Depositions: \$150.00 per hour, with a minimum four-hour block and 53 cents per mile plus tolls for distances exceeding 25 miles.

Investigative Conferences and Meetings: \$85.00 per hour.

Site Plan / Subdivision Plan Reviews: \$100.00 for each review.

After Hours Inspections:

Hours	Amount
1 or less	\$150
1 to 4 hours	\$300
4 to 8 hours	\$500

The minimum penalties shall be as follows:

- (a) [Reserved.]
- (b) First Offense - \$100.00 per violation and a Dedicated Penalty of Equal Amount per violation.
- (c) Second Offense - \$250.00 per violation.
- (d) Third Offense - \$500.00 per violation.

Permit Fees:

USER TYPE	FEE
USER TYPE	FEE
Type 1	\$100
Type 2	\$400
Type 2 Propane Exchange	
720 pounds or less	\$166
721 pounds or 2,500 pounds	\$355
Type 3	\$600
Type 4	\$800

Delinquent Fees: \$100.00 per violation, per occurrence.

Failure to Install Knox Box: \$100.00.

(Ord. 312-17, passed 12-27-17)

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

§ 94.25 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDED.

The township provides emergency medical services (EMS) to citizens and visitors to the township and to other communities through mutual aid to the extent that services are available. Emergency medical services are provided by employees of the township, Department of Fire, Division of EMS.

(Ord. 312-17, passed 12-27-17)

§ 94.26 REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS.

All EMS providers shall:

- (A) Meet all New Jersey Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations (NJCS).
- (B) Job specification under NJCS.
- (C) Township employee hiring policies and procedures.
- (D) Background check.

(Ord. 312-17, passed 12-27-17)

§ 94.27 ESTABLISHMENT OF POSITIONS.

The Division of Emergency Medical Services will consist of paid personnel. The career staff will consist of supervising emergency medical technicians, as well as additional full-time emergency medical technicians, part-time emergency medical technicians, and as needed emergency medical technicians, all of which shall be appointed in accordance with established personnel policies governing paid employees of the township.

(Ord. 312-17, passed 12-27-17)

§ 94.28 NO DENIAL OR DELAY OF SERVICE.

All persons needing EMS shall be served to the extent that services are available without discrimination on any basis and without respect to residency, ability to pay, or any other factor. There shall be no denial of services or delay in providing available service due to EMS cost recovery procedures.

(Ord. 312-17, passed 12-27-17)

§ 94.29 ALLOCATIONS OF COST.

The costs of providing available personnel and service for EMS shall be covered by a combination of:

- (A) Municipal budget appropriations;
- (B) Insurance payments for service to persons who have insurance coverage; and
- (C) Direct payments from persons served for amounts not covered by insurance.

(Ord. 312-17, passed 12-27-17)

§ 94.30 MAINTENANCE OF SERVICE RECORDS.

EMS personnel shall maintain accurate records of all EMS services provided on an approved patient care reporting system (PCR) by the township. Said records shall include pertinent information required for insurance purposes and shall identify the complete name, mailing address, incident location and telephone numbers of all persons requesting and receiving EMS services subject to New Jersey Office of Emergency Medical Services (NJOEMS) applicable laws.

(Ord. 312-17, passed 12-27-17)

§ 94.31 FEES FOR MEDICAL SERVICE AND BILLINGS.

(A) The charge for rendering ambulance services to an individual or parties be:

Service	Fee
Service	Fee
Basic life support	\$800

Basic life support per mileage	\$15
Oxygen administration	\$55
Narcan administration	\$100
EPI pen administration	\$150
Disposable cervical collar	\$25
CPAP administration	\$100
Bariatric stretcher components	\$200 (pt weighing over 450 lbs.)
Automatic defibrillator (AED) pads	\$150
Spinal immobilization	\$150
Event stand-by (in Voorhees Twp.)	\$220 per hr. (includes 2 EMTs and 1 BLS ambulance)
Refusal of transport (treatment rendered)	\$100

(B) If the individual and/or parties utilizing ambulance services is/are covered by Medicaid or Medicare, then those fees established under those programs shall be accepted. In no instance, shall those individuals and/or parties be charged a rate higher than established by division (A) above.

(C) Outstanding fees due to the township that have not been satisfactorily resolved within nine months from the date the service was rendered may be turned over to a third-party collection agency on the approval of the Township Committee.

(Ord. 312-17, passed 12-27-17)