

Ordinance 2012-16

*BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN
COUNTY OF MERCER
STATE OF NEW JERSEY*

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 15-3, ENTITLED “FEES,”
OF CHAPTER 15, “FIRE PROTECTION,” OF THE “REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF
THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN, NEW JERSEY.”**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the recommendation of the Borough’s Fire Inspector, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown wish to amend certain provisions contained within Section 15-3 of the Borough Code concerning the fees associated with enforcement of the Uniform Fire Safety Code, as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hightstown, in the County of Mercer and State of New Jersey, that Section 15-3, entitled “Fees,” of Chapter 15, “Fire Protection,” of the “Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown, New Jersey” is hereby amended and supplemented as follows (additions are shown with underline; deletions are shown with ~~strikeout~~):

CHAPTER 15 - FIRE PROTECTION

Section 15-3

FEES

15-3-1 Permits.

The fees for permits issued by the Bureau of Fire Safety pursuant to the Fire Prevention Code shall be the same as those established by N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.9(c).

15.3.2 Additional Inspections ~~and Permits~~.

The fees for all other inspections ~~and permits~~ issued by the Bureau of Fire Safety for non-life hazard commercial properties shall be as follows:

- a. ~~Single occupancy under one thousand (1,000) square feet: forty-two (\$42.00) dollars.~~
- b. ~~Single occupancy one thousand one (1,001) to two thousand (2,000) square feet: seventy-two (\$72.00) dollars.~~
- c. ~~Single occupancy two thousand one (2,001) to three thousand (3,000) square feet: one hundred and two (\$102.00) dollars.~~

- d. ~~Single occupancy three thousand one (3,001) to four thousand (4,000) square feet: one hundred and thirty-two (\$132.00) dollars.~~
- e. ~~An additional twenty-four (\$24.00) dollars for each five thousand (5,000) square feet to a maximum fee of four hundred and fifty (\$450.00) dollars.~~

| | <u>Occupancy</u> | <u>Size of Area</u> | <u>Fee</u> |
|----|------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| a. | Single occupant | 0 - 1,000 sq. ft. | \$52.00 per floor |
| b. | Single occupant | 1,001 – 2,000 sq. ft. | \$82.00 per floor |
| c. | Single occupant | 2,001 – 3,000 sq. ft. | \$117.00 per floor |
| d. | Single occupant | 3,001 – 4,000 sq. ft. | \$182.00 per floor |
| e. | Single occupant | 4,001 – 7,500 sq. ft. | \$232.00 per floor |
| f. | Single occupant | 7,501 – 10,000 sq. ft. | \$332.00 per floor |
| g. | Single occupant | Over 10,000 sq. ft. | \$432.00 per floor |

For purposes of this Subsection, the term “single occupant” shall be construed to mean each individual unit or use in a retail center or strip mall, or each individual unit or use in any other type of commercial building. The term shall apply to building owners and tenants of all businesses or professions which occupy a commercial building, structure or premises, it being the intent that it is the responsibility of each business within a building to register and have its premises inspected. Each business includes any corporation, partnership or any other form of business entity.

- h. Common Areas. In multiple-family units (such as apartment buildings and condominiums), the common areas shall be inspected as often as necessary to enforce the Fire Safety Code at a fee of \$75.00 per building.
- i. Waivers. The following users shall be exempt from local permit and registration fees; however, they shall be required to properly apply for such permits and registration and comply with all other code requirements:
1. Hightstown Fire Company No. 1.
 2. Hightstown First Aid Squad.
 3. Hightstown Municipal Building/Court.
 4. Hightstown Department of Public Works and Public Works Garages.
 5. Hightstown Police Department.
 6. Places of Worship.

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that, in the event that any portion of this Ordinance is found to be invalid for any reason by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be limited in its effect only to that portion of the Ordinance actually adjudged to be invalid, and the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall be deemed severable therefrom and shall not be affected.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall take effect on upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

Introduced:

Adopted:

ATTEST:

Debra L. Sopronyi
Municipal Clerk

Steven Kirson
Mayor