

**Borough of Hightstown  
County of Mercer  
Ordinance 2025-06**

**Summary:** *Amends Chapter 15, Article 15-3-1 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown to revise the fee structure for Type I Fire Safety Permits. Specifically, it sets the permit fee at \$75, requires applications to be submitted at least 20 days prior to an event, and imposes a \$75 late fee for applications submitted within 7 days of the event.*

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Hightstown held on May 5, 2025, and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a meeting to be held on June 2, 2025, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Hightstown Engine Co. #1 Fire House Hall, 140 North Main Street, Hightstown, at which time and place all persons interested may appear and address the Borough Council, either for or against, regarding the passage of said Ordinance. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost via email request to the Borough Clerk at [priggio@hightstownborough.com](mailto:priggio@hightstownborough.com), until June 2, 2025, or until any further consideration of this ordinance is completed thereafter by the Borough Council, to members of the general public who shall request the same. Copies can be mailed by USPS, faxed or e-mailed. The ordinance is also available for review on the Borough website at [www.hightstownborough.com](http://www.hightstownborough.com).

Peggy Riggio, RMC  
Borough Clerk

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15 “FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION” ARTICLE 15-3-1 “PERMITS” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN, TO REVISE THE FEE FOR TYPE I FIRE SAFETY PERMITS**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hightstown seeks to amend its fire safety regulations to update the fee for Type I fire safety permits, establish a deadline for applications, and provide for a late fee for untimely submissions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough also seeks to clarify that the fees for Type II, Type III, and Type IV fire safety permits shall remain consistent with those established by the Uniform Fire Code (N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.9(c)).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. That Article 15-3-1, entitled “Permits,” of the “Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown, New Jersey,” is hereby amended to read as follows: (additions are shown with underline and deletions are shown with ~~strikeout~~):

**§ 15-3-1. Permits. [1991 Code § 97-16; Ord. No. 1997-4; Ord. No. 2001-20]**

~~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).~~

**A. Type I Fire Safety Permits:**

The fee for a Type I Fire Safety Permit shall be seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).

Applications for Type I Fire Safety Permits must be submitted no less than twenty (20) days prior to the scheduled date of the event.

Applications submitted within seven (7) days of the scheduled date of the event shall incur an additional late fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).

**B. Type II, Type III, and Type IV Fire Safety Permits:**

Fees for Type II, Type III, and Type IV Fire Safety Permits shall be as established by N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.9(c) and any amendments thereto.

Section 2. That all other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

Section 3. 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.

Section 4. That this Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

Introduction: May 5, 2025

Adoption: **SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION 6/2/2025**

ATTEST:

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MARGARET RIGGIO  
MUNICIPAL CLERK

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SUSAN BLUTH  
MAYOR