

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A REVISION AND CODIFICATION OF THE  
ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN, COUNTY OF MERCER,  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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

**§ 1-8-1. Code adopted; existing ordinances continued.**

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:49-4, the ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown of a general and permanent nature adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hightstown, as revised and codified and consisting of Chapters 1 through 31, are hereby approved, adopted, ordained and enacted as the Code of the Borough of Hightstown, hereinafter referred to as the "Code." The provisions of the Code, insofar as they are substantively the same as those of the ordinances in force immediately prior to the enactment of the Code by this ordinance, are intended as a continuation of such ordinances and not as new enactments. This ordinance and the Code adopted hereby shall supersede and replace the 1996 Code of the Borough of Hightstown, as amended and supplemented.

**§ 1-8-2. Code on file; additions and amendments.**

- A. A copy of the Code has been filed in the office of the Borough Clerk and shall remain there for use and examination by the public until final action is taken on this ordinance. Following adoption of this ordinance, such copy shall be certified to by the Clerk of the Borough of Hightstown by impressing thereon the Seal of the Borough, as provided by law, and such certified copy shall remain on file in the office of the Borough Clerk, to be made available to persons desiring to examine the same during all times while said Code is in effect.
- B. Additions or amendments to the Code, when adopted in such form as to indicate the intent of the Borough Council to make them a part thereof, shall be deemed to be incorporated into such Code so that reference to the "Code of the Borough of Hightstown" shall be understood and intended to include such additions and amendments.
- C. Nomenclature. Throughout the Code, the following titles have been updated as follows:
  - (1) "Borough Treasurer" is changed to "Borough Chief Financial Officer."
  - (2) "Chairman" and "Chairperson" are changed to "Chair."
  - (3) "Construction Code Official" is changed to "Construction Official."

**§ 1-8-3. Notice; publication.**

The Clerk of the Borough of Hightstown shall cause notice of the passage of this ordinance to be given in the manner required by law. The notice of passage of this ordinance coupled with filing of the Code in the office of the Borough Clerk as provided in § 1-8-2 shall be deemed, held and considered to be due and legal publication of all provisions of the Code for all purposes.

**§ 1-8-4. Severability.**

Each section of this ordinance and of the Code and every part of each section is an independent section or part of a section, and the holding of any section or part thereof to be unconstitutional, void or ineffective for any cause shall not be deemed to affect the validity or constitutionality of any other sections or parts thereof.

**§ 1-8-5. Repealer.**

- A. Ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions contained in the Code adopted by this ordinance are hereby repealed; provided, however, that such repeal shall only be to the extent of such inconsistency, and any valid legislation of the Borough of Hightstown which is not in conflict with the provisions of the Code shall be deemed to remain in full force and effect.
  
- B. The following ordinances have been excluded from the Code and are specifically repealed:
  - (1) Former Chapter 1, Article 1-4, Divisions of the Code, of the 1996 Code.
  - (2) Former Chapter 1, Article 1-7, Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown to Be Maintained by Borough Clerk, of the 1996 Code.
  - (3) Former Chapter 2, Article 2-57, Divisions of the Code, of the 1996 Code.
  - (4) Former Chapter 3, Article 3-16, Smoking in Municipal Buildings Prohibited, of the 1996 Code.
  - (5) Former Chapter 3, Article 3-17, Smoking Prohibited on Board of Education Property, of the 1996 Code.
  - (6) Former Chapter 4, Article 4-11, Retail Establishments, of the 1996 Code.
  - (7) Former Chapter 4, Article 4-22, Contractors Licenses, of the 1996 Code.

**§ 1-8-6. Ordinances saved from repeal.**

The adoption of this Code and the repeal of ordinances provided for in § 1-8-5 of this ordinance shall not affect the following ordinances, rights and obligations, which are hereby expressly saved from repeal:

- A. Any ordinance adopted subsequent to February 2, 2025.
- B. Any right or liability established, accrued or incurred under any legislative provision prior to the effective date of this ordinance or any action or proceeding brought for the enforcement of such right or liability.
- C. Any offense or act committed or done before the effective date of this ordinance in violation of any legislative provision or any penalty, punishment or forfeiture which may result therefrom.
- D. Any prosecution, indictment, action, suit or other proceeding pending or any judgment rendered prior to the effective date of this ordinance, brought pursuant to any legislative provision.
- E. Any franchise, license, right, easement or privilege heretofore granted or conferred.
- F. Any ordinance providing for the laying out, opening, altering, widening, relocating, straightening, establishing of grade, changing of name, improvement, acceptance or vacation of any right-of-way, easement, street, road, highway, park or other public place or any portion thereof.
- G. Any ordinance or resolution appropriating money or transferring funds, promising or guaranteeing the payment of money or authorizing the issuance and delivery of any bond or other instruments or evidence of the Borough's indebtedness.
- H. Ordinances authorizing the purchase, sale, lease or transfer of property or any lawful contract, agreement or obligation.
- I. The levy or imposition of taxes, assessments or charges or the approval of the municipal budget.
- J. The dedication of property or approval of preliminary or final subdivision plats.
- K. All currently effective ordinances pertaining to the rate and manner of payment of salaries and compensation of officers and employees.
- L. Any ordinance adopting or amending the Zoning Map.
- M. Any ordinance relating to or establishing a pension plan or pension fund for municipal employees.

**§ 1-8-7. Changes in previously adopted ordinances.**

- A. In preparing the revision and codification of the Borough's ordinances pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:49-4, certain minor grammatical and nonsubstantive changes were made in one or more of said ordinances. It is the intention of the Borough Council that all such changes be

adopted as part of the Code as if the ordinances so changed had been formally amended to read as such.

- B. In addition, the changes, amendments or revisions as set forth in Schedule A attached hereto and made a part hereof are made herewith, to become effective upon the effective date of this ordinance. (Chapter and section number references are to the ordinances as they have been renumbered and appear in the Code.)

**§ 1-8-8. Titles and headings; editor's notes.**

- A. Chapter and article titles, headings and titles of sections and other divisions of the Code are inserted in the Code and may be inserted in supplements to the Code for the convenience of persons using the Code and are not part of the legislation.
- B. Editor's notes indicating sources of sections, giving other information or referring to the statutes or to other parts of the Code are inserted in the Code and may be inserted in supplements to the Code for the convenience of persons using the Code and are not part of the legislation.

**§ 1-8-9. Altering or tampering with Code; violations and penalties.**


It shall be unlawful for anyone to change, alter or tamper with the Code in any manner which will cause the laws of the Borough of Hightstown to be misrepresented thereby. Anyone violating this section shall be subject, upon conviction, to one or more of the following penalties: a fine of not more than \$2,000, imprisonment for not more than 90 days or a period of community service not exceeding 90 days, in the discretion of the Judge imposing the same.

**§ 1-8-10. When effective.**

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

Introduced: December 1, 2025

Adopted: December 15, 2025

  
MARGARET RIGGIO  
BOROUGH CLERK

  
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MAYOR