

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A FIRE PREVENTION CODE PRESCRIBING REGULATION GOVERNING CONDITIONS HAZARDOUS TO LIFE AND PROPERTY FROM FIRE OR EXPLOSION, AND ESTABLISHING A BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION AND PROVIDING OFFICERS THEREFOR AND DEFINING THEIR POWERS AND DUTIES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WINFIELD:

SECTION 1. ADOPTION OF FIRE PREVENTION CODE.

There is hereby adopted by the Township of Winfield for the purpose of prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire or explosion, that certain code known as the Fire Prevention Code recommended by the American Insurance Association, being particular the 1970 edition thereof, save and except such portions as are herein-after deleted, modified or amended (by section 6 of this ordinance), of which code not less than (3) copies have been and now are filed in the office of the Clerk of the Township of Winfield and the same are hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out in length herein, and from the date on which this ordinance shall take effect, the provisions thereof shall be controlling within the limits of the Township of Winfield.

SECTION 2. ESTABLISHMENT AND DUTIES OF BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION

A. The Fire Prevention code shall be enforced by the Bureau of Fire Prevention in the Fire Department of the Township of Winfield which is hereby established and which shall be operated under the supervision of the Chief of the Fire Department.

B. The Chief of the Fire Department of the Township of Winfield is hereby authorized to enforce the provisions of this code and he shall designate such person or persons, members of the Fire Department to constitute a Fire Prevention Bureau, whose duty it shall be to enforce all laws and ordinances consistent with the intent of this Fire Prevention Code. The members of such Fire Prevention Bureau shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as are set forth in other sections of this Code, and as may be conferred and imposed from time to time by law. The Chief of the Fire Department may delegate any of his powers and duties under this Code to the Chief Inspector of the Fire Prevention Bureau, except that any appeal from an order made by the Chief Inspector of the Fire Prevention Bureau or any Inspector may be reviewed by the Chief of the Fire Department or the person acting as Chief at the time of said appeal.

C. The Chief Inspector in charge of the Fire Prevention Bureau shall be recommended by the Chief of the Fire Department, for appointment with the approval of the Township Committee, The Chief Inspector shall be appointed yearly.

D. A report of the Bureau of Fire Prevention shall be made annually and transmitted to the Township Committee; it shall contain all proceedings under this code, with such statistics as the Chief of the Fire Department may wish to include therein; The Chief of the Fire Department shall also recommend any amendments to the code which in his judgement shall be desirable

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS

A. Wherever the word "Municipality" is used in the Fire

Prevention Code, it shall be held to mean the Township of Winfield.

B. Wherever the term "Corporation Counsel" is used in the Fire Prevention Code, it shall be held to mean the Attorney for the Township of Winfield.

C. Wherever the words "Inspector" of "Supervisor" of the Fire Prevention Bureau are used in the Fire Prevention Code they shall be held to mean the Chief Inspector in charge of the Fire Prevention Bureau.

D. Wherever the words Bureau of Fire Prevention are used it shall be held to mean Fire Prevention Bureau.

E. Wherever reference is made to the applicable standards of National Fire Prevention Association--Bulletin No. 70 the National Electric Code, 1962 Edition, it shall also be meant to comply with the 1962 Electrical Constactor Licensing Act of the State of New Jersey- Rs 45:5S-1,

SECTION 4. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance or the Fire Prevention Code, or any order issued thereunder shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$200.00 or by imprisonment for not more than a period of 90 days or both at the discretion of the Municipal Magistrate.

SECTION 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed.

SECTION 6. AMENDMENTS

Delete Section 1. 4a and insert the following as section I.4a.

INSPECTION OF PREMISES

It shall be the responsibility and duty of the Fire Chief or such other member of the Fire Department as authorized by him, to order the inspection of or to inspect, as often as may be necessary, all buildings, other premises and public thoroughfares, except the interior of private dwellings, apartments, and residences, but not including cellars, common entrances, hallways, and other common places, for the purpose of determining and ascertaining conditions existing therein or thereat to prevent or correct any fire hazard or condition; or for the purpose of determining what steps should be taken to correct and remedy any conditions liable to cause fire or creating any fire hazard dangerous to persons or property or to determine whether any violation of the provisions of this ordinance has been or is then occurring so that by such inspections the lives and property of the residents of the Township of Winfield may be properly protected against such fire hazards and as a preventive measure in eliminating the same in order to prevent fires and to save property and lives.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after publication in the manner provided by law.

Chairman Township Committee
Francis A. Kelly

Motioned by Francis A. Kelly

Seconded by Victoria B. Hart
Victoria B. Hart

Dated: December 15, 1975

NOTICE

The foregoing ordinance was introduced and approved on first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee on December 15, 1975, and will be considered for public hearing and final adoption at a special meeting to be held on December 31, 1975, at 1 P.M., at the Municipal Building, 12 Gulfstream Avenue, Winfield, N.J.

Authur Weekes
Authur Weekes, Township Clerk