

**THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST AMWELL  
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY**

**ORDINANCE 08, 2021**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP  
OF WEST AMWELL IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON TO AMEND CHAPTER 88, "FIRE  
PREVENTION," ARTICLE I "UNIFORM FIRE CODE ENFORCEMENT," SECTION 8  
"REQUIRED INSPECTIONS, PERMIT AND FEES" TO UPDATE THE FEES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Fire Inspector has made some recommendations to the Township Committee for changes to the fire inspection fees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township wishes to make the changes recommended by the Township Fire Inspector; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Committee of the Township of West Amwell, County of Hunterdon that the Code of the Township of West Amwell be amended as follows:

**Section 1** Chapter 88, FIRE PREVENTION, Article I "UNIFORM FIRE CODE ENFORCEMENT," SECTION 8 "REQUIRED INSPECTIONS, PERMIT AND FEES":

**§88-8 Required Inspections, Permit and Fees**

- A. All structures, except one- or two- family owner-occupied properties, one- or two- family rentals properties and agricultural buildings, shall be inspected annually. The fee for each building or structure at least 1000 square feet or more shall be \$60.
- B. Any structure or event that is required to have a permit will obtain permit application and pay proper fee that is set forth in the Uniform Fire Code and have an inspection by Fire Official prior to event or use.
  - 1. Type 1: shall be \$60, unless a higher fee is adopted by the N.J. Uniform Fire code, N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.9(c)(1).
  - 2. Type 2: shall be \$215, unless a higher fee is adopted by the N.J. Uniform Fire code, N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.9(c)(2).
  - 3. Type 3: shall be \$430, unless a higher fee is adopted by the N.J. Uniform Fire code, N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.9(c)(3).
  - 4. Type 4: shall be \$641, unless a higher fee is adopted by the N.J. Uniform Fire code, N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.9(c)(4).
  - 5. Type 5: which is currently reserved and has no fee, unless a fee is adopted by the N.J. Uniform Fire Code, N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.9(c)(5).
- C. Fee structure for life hazard uses in buildings and around buildings is based on fee schedule set forth by the State of New Jersey Uniform Fire Code.
- D. Fee schedule for non-life-hazard uses is based on fee schedule below.

### Fees for Inspection of Non-Life-Hazard Uses

UCC Code Type		Annual Fee
Business Use Group	Under 2,500 square feet	\$75
	2,500 through 4,999 square feet	\$100
	5,000 through 9,999 square feet	\$150
	10,000 square feet and over	\$200
Factory Use Group		
F-1	Under 6,600 square feet	\$200
	Under 12,000 square feet	\$400
F-2	Under 6,600 square feet	\$200
	Under 12,000 square feet	\$400
Mercantile Use Group		
M-1	Under 6,000 square feet	\$150
M-2	6,000 through 11,999 square feet	\$300
Storage Use Group		
S-1	Under 6,000 square feet	\$75
	Under 12,000 square feet	\$150
S-2	Under 10,000 square feet	\$75
	Under 10,000 square feet	\$150
Residential Use Group		
	3 to 6 units	\$75
	7 to 12 units	\$150
	13 to 20 units	\$250
	Over 20 units	\$400
Utilities Use Group		
U-1	Under 2,500 square feet	\$75
U-2	2,500 square feet and over	\$125
Assembly Use Group		
	Under 5,000 square feet	\$175
	Over 5,000 square feet	\$300

#### NOTES:

1. Uses not classified above will be classified as business uses.
2. Uses required to be registered with the state as life hazards uses shall not be required to register under this subsection.
3. Any buildings, structures or premises that are tax exempt according to the official tax records of the Township will be exempt from the non-life-hazard use registration fee. However, these buildings will be inspected as required by the Uniform Fire Code.
4. Vacant buildings will be charged and inspected according to the previous use of the building.
5. Residential uses shall be inspected in the common areas and each dwelling unit.
6. Exceptions: Any not-for-profit building that is not a life hazard use will be exempt from fee but still must be inspected and any violations abated.

E. The application fee for a certificate of smoke detector compliance, CSDSMAC, as required by N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.3, shall be \$75 with more than 10 days' notice; with four to 10 days' notice; and, \$175 with less than four days' notice.

**Section 3** Severability. Should any section, clause, sentence, phrase or provision of this article be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this article.

**Section 4** Repealer. All prior ordinances or parts of same inconsistent with any provisions of this article are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Section 5** Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and publication in accordance with law.

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Maria Andrews, Township Clerk, RMC

Introduced: 9/15/21

Adopted: 10/6/21