

TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON

AMENDING CHAPTER 123 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON CONCERNING FIRE EQUIPMENT REIMBURSEMENT

ORDINANCE #33-2024

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the residents of the Township of Readington to amend the Township Code at this time to require standards for Fire Watch and Special Events; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes through this Ordinance to amend Chapter 123 entitled “Fire Prevention” of the Township Code in order to serve the best interests of the Township and its residents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Committee of the Township of Readington, in the County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey that the following sections are being added:

ARTICLE IV

Section I

§123-28 Product Release

In the event of a product release, requiring emergency stand-by, fire suppression costs as outlined in N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.13 or other emergency incidents the responsible party/parties may receive abatement for services from the Township for the first initial hour at no cost, but shall be subject to reimbursement fees for every hour thereafter. The cost of providing such response or stand-by shall be certified by the Fire Marshall to the responsible party/parties within 30 days of their completion. The responsible party/parties shall reimburse the Township within 30 days thereof.

§123-29 Fees and Costs

Personnel and equipment shall be reimbursed at an hourly rate as calculated by the most recent schedule of equipment rates published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). All expended or damaged equipment shall be reimbursed at their current replacement cost. The cost of such equipment shall be certified by the Fire Marshal to the Township Administrator and Chief financial Officer and the responsible party/parties within 30 days. The responsible party/parties shall reimburse the Township within 30 days thereof.

Equipment shall be defined as but not limited to:

1. *Uniforms and clothing.*
2. *Turnout gear and personal protective equipment.*
3. *Breathing apparatus.*
4. *Rope, rope equipment and harnesses.*
5. *Fire hose and appliances.*

6. Shovels.
7. Firefighting tools.
8. Plugs and plugging equipment for spills.
9. Collection pools.
10. Firefighting pools.
11. Bales of straw.
12. Absorbent materials
13. Lumber or construction materials
14. Meals required for durations greater than four (4) hours
15. Government owned heavy equipment and associated wages.
16. Outside contractor equipment and associated wages.

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In the event a national disaster has been declared and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursement is received for any of the above equipment or associated wages, the Township shall then reimburse the responsible party/parties of any monies rendered to the Township from the aforementioned fees.

Section II

All ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section III

If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to this section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

Section IV

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication in the manner required by New Jersey general law but, in no event, less than 20 days after its final passage by the Township Committee and approval by the Mayor, where such approval is required.

A TRUE COPY OF WHICH ORDINANCE IS PRINTED ABOVE WAS INTRODUCED AT THE MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE ON **NOVEMBER 4, 2024** AND THAT IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON TO CONSIDER PASSAGE OF SAID ORDINANCE AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE TO BE HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 509 ROUTE 523, WHITEHOUSE STATION, NEW JERSEY, ON **NOVEMBER 18, 2024** AT 7:45 P.M. AT WHICH TIME AND PLACE, OR AT ANY TIME OR PLACE TO WHICH THE MEETING SHALL BE

FROM TIME TO TIME ADJOURNED AN OPPORTUNITY WILL BE GIVEN TO ALL PERSONS
WHO MAY BE INTERESTED THEREIN TO BE HEARD CONCERNING SAID ORDINANCE.

KARIN M PARKER, *RMC*

MUNICIPAL CLERK