

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 21 ARTICLE IV SECTION 16 OF THE CODE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON AND STATE OF
NEW JERSEY CONCERNING FIRE WATCH**

ORDINANCE #11-2025

WHEREAS, the Township wishes through this Ordinance to amend Chapter 21 Article IV entitled “Fire Watch and Special Events” of the Township Code in order to serve the best interests of the Township and its residents.

WHEREAS, the Township wishes through this Ordinance to amend Ordinance #32-2024; and

WHEREAS, the following amendments are hereby approved [any addition is shown as thus and any deletion is shown as ~~thus~~.]

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

§ 21-16. Fire watch.

- A. If the Fire Marshal, Fire Inspector, paid personnel or member of a volunteer fire company is required to inspect, monitor or patrol a building to detect circumstances that might immediately result in a fire while any component of a buildings fire protection system is inoperative, the owner of said building shall reimburse the Township for said fire watch services at the rate of \$100 per hour per person.
- B. Should fire apparatus or additional equipment need to be utilized, the hourly fee for that equipment shall be assessed at a rate designated in the FEMA fire equipment reimbursement schedule.
- C. There shall be a minimum fee of \$100, provided that no fee shall be assessed ~~in~~ within 30 minutes of being notified of the commencement of the fire watch services, the building owner or their representative arrives at the building and assumes control of the fire watch from the Fire Marshall, Fire Inspector, paid personnel or member of the volunteer fire company.
- D. The cost of providing fire watch services shall be certified by the Fire Marshal to the building owner within 30 days of completion. The building owner shall reimburse the Township within 30 days thereof. If a member(s) of a volunteer company provided the fire watch services, the reimbursement received shall be turned over to the volunteer fire company.

§ 21-17. Special events.

- A. When determined by the Fire Marshal to be necessary for the purpose of public safety to have a Fire Inspector present during special events, the owner, operator, organizer, sponsor, person or organization responsible for said event shall pay the cost of said inspector at the rate of \$100 per hour for the duration of the event.

A TRUE COPY OF WHICH ORDINANCE IS PRINTED ABOVE WAS INTRODUCED AT THE MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE ON *June 2, 2025* 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 *June 16, 2025* 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.

ANN MARIE LEHBERGER, RMC
ACTING MUNICIPAL CLERK