

Township of Lawrence
County of Mercer

ORDINANCE NO. 2234-16

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1002-85 AND ADOPTING
THE NEW JERSEY FIRE SAFETY CODE**

WHEREAS, the Uniform Fire Safety Act, (P.L. 1983, c.383) was enacted for the purpose of establishing a system for the enforcement of minimum fire safety standards throughout the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Fire Safety Act authorizes municipalities to provide for local enforcement and to establish local enforcement agencies for that purpose; and

**WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Township of Lawrence to have the Uniform Fire Safety Act enforced locally;
And**

WHEREAS, all Township fire companies have agreed to the plan, which is set forth herein, for the administration and enforcement of the Uniform Fire Safety Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORADAINED AND ENACTED by the Township Council of the Township of Lawrence, in the County of Mercer and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. LOCAL ENFORCEMENT

Pursuant to Section 11 of the Uniform Fire Safety Act (P.L. 1983, c.383), the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code shall be locally enforced in the Township of Lawrence.

2. AGENCY DESIGNATION

The Local enforcing agency shall be the Bureau of Fire Prevention, which is hereby created in the Department of Public Safety.

3. DUTIES

The local enforcement agency shall enforce the Uniform Fire Safety Act and the codes and regulations adopted under it in all buildings, structures and premises within the established boundaries of the Township of Lawrence, other than owner-occupied one and two family dwellings, and shall faithfully comply with the requirements of the Uniform Fire Safety Act and the Uniform Fire Code.

4. LIFE HAZARD USES

The local enforcing agency established by Section 2 of the is Ordinance shall carry out the periodic inspections of life hazard uses required by the Uniform Fire Code on behalf of the Commissioner of Community Affairs.

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5. ORGANIZATION

The local enforcing agency established by Section 2 of this Ordinance shall be a part of the Department of Public Safety

6. APOINTMENTS

6A - Appointment of Fire Official

The local enforcing agency shall be under the direct supervision of the Fire Official. The Fire Official shall be appointed by the Municipal Manager pursuant to Title 11, Civil Service, of the revised statutes.

6B - Inspectors and Employees

Such inspectors and other employees as may be necessary for the local enforcing agency to properly carry out its responsibilities shall be appointed by the Municipal Manager pursuant to Title 11, Civil Service, of the revised statutes.

7. BOARD OF APPEALS

Pursuant to Sections 15 and 17 of the Uniform Fire Safety Act, any person aggrieved by any order of the local enforcement agency shall have the right to appeal to the Construction Board of Appeals of the Township of Lawrence.

8. ADDITIONAL REQUIRED INSPECTIONS AND FEES

In addition to the inspection and fees required pursuant to the Act and the regulations of the Department of Community Affairs, the following additional inspections and fees shall be required and shall be set by Lawrence Township Fee Ordinance.

9. APPLICATION FEES FOR PERMITS

As per the Uniform Fire Safety Code.

10. CERTIFICATE OF SMOKE DETECTOR AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM COMPLIANCE

Before any Use Group R-3 or R-4 structure is sold, leased, or otherwise made subject to a change of occupancy for residential purposes, the owner shall obtain a certificate of smoke detector and carbon monoxide alarm compliance CSDCMAC, evidencing compliance with N.J.A.C. 5:70-4.19, from the appropriate enforcing agency.

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11. REPEALS

The following ordinances are hereby repealed:

- A. Ordinance No. 501, codified in the Township Code as Sec. 8-12, et seq., is hereby repealed in its entirety.
- B. Ordinance No. 730 and 754, codified in the Township Code as Sec. 5-40, et seq., are repealed in their entirety.

12. If any section, clause, or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the remaining portion thereof.

13. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to the conflicting parts thereof.

14. This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication as required by law.

Adopted: May 3, 2016

RECORD OF VOTE

COUNCIL	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT	ABSTAIN	MOVE	SECOND
Mr. Bobbitt	X						X
Mr. Kownacki				X			
Ms. Lewis	X					X	
Mr. Powers				X			
Mayor Maffei	X						