

TOWNSHIP OF WEEHAWKEN

HUDSON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1-1989, CHAPTER 18-1 (UNIFORM FIRE CODE), OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEEHAWKEN, 1987, IN ORDER TO CONFORM TO RECENT CHANGES IN STATE LAW

ORDINANCE # 06 - 2026

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Weehawken hereby finds and determines the following regulations, restrictions and prohibitions to be necessary and appropriate for the health, safety and welfare of the residents of, and visitors to, the Township, and in the best interests thereof and of the public generally; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Fire Code has been amended, requiring municipalities to adopt changes in local ordinances to conform thereto, as more specifically set forth hereinbelow,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Weehawken, County of Hudson and State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 18-1 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Weehawken, 1987, is hereby amended to provide as follows:

Chapter 18. Fire Prevention

§ 18-1. UNIFORM FIRE CODE.

§ 18-1.1. 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 enforced within the Township as follows: the NJ Division of Fire Safety (Division) shall have jurisdiction over life hazard use buildings, and the local fire official shall be responsible for inspections and enforcement of all non-life hazard use occupancies

§ 18-1.2. Agency designation.

The local enforcing agency shall be the Weehawken Fire Prevention Office.

§ 18-1.3. Duties.

The Division 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, other than non-hazard uses, which shall be inspected and enforced by the Weehawken Fire Prevention Office.

§ 18-1.4. Life hazard uses, non-life hazard uses and permits.

The Division shall carry out the periodic inspections of life hazard uses required by the Uniform Fire Code.

The Weehawken Fire Prevention Office established by subsection **18-1.2** shall carry out the periodic inspections of non-life hazard uses and permits as required by the Uniform Fire Code within the established boundaries of the Township of Weehawken, other than owner-occupied one- and two-family dwellings used exclusively for dwelling purposes and buildings owned or operated by the Federal Government, State of New Jersey, County of Hudson, or interstate agencies, and shall faithfully comply with the requirements of the Uniform Fire Safety Act and the Uniform Fire Code.

§ 18-1.5. Organization.

The local enforcing agency established by subsection **18-1.2** shall be the Department of Public Safety and shall be under the direct supervision and control of the Director of Public Safety.

§ 18-1.6. Appointments, term of office, removal.

a. Appointment of Fire Official. The local enforcing agency shall be under the direct supervision of the Fire Official, who shall be appointed pursuant to the Uniform Fire Safety Act (P.L. 1983, c.383).

b. Term of office. The Fire Official shall serve for a term of one year.

c. Inspectors and employees. Such inspectors and other employees as may be necessary for the local enforcing agency to carry out its responsibilities properly shall be appointed by the Township Manager and may but not need be as recommended by the Director of Public Safety.

d. Removal from office. Fire Official, Inspectors and other employees of the enforcing agency shall be subject to removal by the Township Manager. Each inspector or employee to be so removed shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard by the appointing authority or by a designated hearing officer appointed by the Township Manager.

§ 18-1.7. 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 County of Hudson.

§ 18-1.8. Additional required inspections and fees.

The following annual non-life-hazard registration fees shall be required, for all uses below not otherwise required to be classified as Life Hazard Uses pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.4. Non-life hazard inspections shall be completed annually. This Schedule of Fees shall replace the fees listed under “Fire Prevention” in Appendix A of the Weehawken Administrative Code.

a. <u>Residential Structures:</u>		
(1) One or two dwelling units, non-owner-occupied:	\$ _____	
(2) Three or four dwelling units:	\$ _____	
(3) Five to nine dwelling units:	\$ _____	
(4) Ten to 20 dwelling units:	\$ _____	
(5) Twenty-one to 30 dwelling units:	\$ _____	
(6) Thirty-one to 50 dwelling units:	\$ _____	
(7) Fifty-one or more dwelling units:	\$ _____	
b. Mercantile - All buildings or structures which are used for display and sales purposes involving stocks of goods, wares or merchandise incidental to such purpose and accessible to the public, including, among others, retail stores, shops, salesrooms and markets:		
(1) less than 2,500 square feet	\$ <u>100</u>	
(2) 2,500 square feet or more but less than 12,000 square feet	\$ <u>250</u>	
(3) 12,000 square feet or more	\$ _____	
c. Condominium with Common Halls, Lobby(ies) and/or Garages		\$100
d. Storage structures used primarily for the storage of goods, wares or merchandise		\$250
e. Truck Terminals		\$250
f. Business - Buildings and structures used for the transaction of business that involve		\$250

stacks of goods, wares or merchandise in limited quantities for use incidental to such business, including but not limited to professional services, offices, banks, civic administration facilities, out-patient clinics, testing and research laboratories, radio and television studios and telephone exchanges	
g. Factories and industrial occupancies engaged in performing work or labor in fabricating, assembling, or processing products or materials, including, among others, factories, assembly plants, industrial laboratories, and all other industrial and manufacturing uses.	\$250

§ 18-1.9. Permits.

The permit fees established by the Uniform Fire Code from time to time as set per N.J.A.C. Section 5:70-2.9 shall apply.

Section 2. Separate Violations. Each violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed and taken to be a separate and distinct offense.

Section 3. Inconsistent Ordinances Repealed. All other ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed, to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 4. Severability. If any portion of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall for any reason be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, that portion shall be deemed severed from, and shall not impair the validity or enforceability of, the balance of this ordinance.

Section 5. Gender and Number. As used in this ordinance, wherever necessary or appropriate, one gender shall be deemed to include and mean either of the other two, and the singular number shall include the plural and vice versa.

Section 6. Paragraph Headings. The paragraph headings appearing in this ordinance are inserted only as a matter of convenience and are neither a part of the substantive provisions, nor in any way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of this ordinance.

Section 7. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect after publication and twenty (20) days following final adoption according to law.

Introduced: April 22nd 2026

Adopted: May 13th 2026

Notice of Adoption of Ordinance

The following ordinance was adopted at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Weehawken, New Jersey, County of Hudson, on May 13th, 2026, and will take effect upon publication according to law.

Rola Fares, Township Clerk