

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING TOWNSHIP CODE CHAPTER 123, ARTICLE 1 UNIFORM FIRE SAFETY STANDARDS TO ESTABLISH A DESIGNATED LOCAL ENFORCING AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE NEW JERSEY UNIFORM FIRE CODE

ORDINANCE #15-2026

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington, for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants, is concerned about the enforcement of the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code (N.J.S.A. 5:70 et seq.) and Uniform Fire Safety Act (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-192 et. seq.); and

WHEREAS, the Township of Readington wishes to comply with the regulations set forth by the Uniform Fire Safety Act (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-192 et. seq.) and ensure that the duties of the Fire Official are performed on a regular basis by a competent, responsible agency designated by the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1.

Chapter 123, Article 1 of the Readington Township Code, "Uniform Fire Safety Standards" is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

§123-1. New Jersey Uniform Fire Code.

The New Jersey Uniform Fire Code shall be locally enforced in the Township of Readington by the adoption of this article, which the Uniform Fire Code is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety herein.

§123-2 Local Enforcing Agency Designation

- A. The local enforcing agency shall be the Raritan Township Department of Fire Safety, **pursuant to the terms of a Shared Service Agreement ("SSA") between Raritan Township and Readington Township, commencing on July 1, 2024, or as soon thereafter as the SSA is approved by the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety, and to terminate June 30, 2028.**
- B. The local enforcing agency established herein shall be part of the Department of Fire Safety and shall be under the direct supervision and control of the Fire Marshal, who shall be appointed by the Township of Raritan.

[END HERE, DELETE BELOW PROVISIONS AND MOVE TO SECTION 2 (SEVERABILITY)]

Section 2: Severability.

The various parts, sections and clauses of the Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3: Repealer.

Any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of the Ordinance are hereby repealed as to their inconsistencies only.

Section 4: Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

A TRUE COPY OF WHICH ORDINANCE IS PRINTED ABOVE WAS INTRODUCED AT THE MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE ON **APRIL 20, 2026** 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 **MAY 4, 2026 AT 6:30 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*
MUNICIPAL CLERK