

**BOROUGH OF WRIGHTSTOWN  
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON  
ORDINANCE NO. 2012-02**

**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE  
BOROUGH OF WRIGHTSTOWN AMENDING CHAPTER 85,  
BEING THE FIRE PREVENTION CHAPTER, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES  
OF THE BOROUGH OF WRIGHTSTOWN**

**BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Wrightstown, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, as follows:

**Section 1: Chapter 85, Fire Prevention**, of the Codified Ordinances of the Borough of Wrightstown shall be and is hereby amended to read as follows.

**§ 85-12. Technical amendments to the Uniform Fire Code of New Jersey, Subchapter D, Fire Prevention Code.**

**A. F-311.0 Fire Department Access Lanes.**

- (1) Purpose. This section designates fire zones, the marking thereof and prohibits parking and provides penalties for the violation thereof.
- (2) Where Required:
  - (a) The Fire Official may require and designate public or private fire access lanes as deemed necessary for the efficient and effective operation of fire apparatus, access to building openings by the firefighters or egress of occupants, and emergency suppression appliances (ex. Sprinkler connections, or Standpipe Connections).
  - (b) Proposed fire access lanes may not conflict with prior approvals issued by the Wrightstown Borough Joint Land Use Board unless the administrative authority for the Joint Land Use Board grants approval of the creation of the fire lane in writing.
  - (c) The owner of any property on which there is presently located a public or quasi-public structure, which has no fire access lanes or on which the fire access lanes presently exist are deemed inadequate by the Fire Official/Marshal, shall be required, upon reasonable notice, to provide, locate, and designate appropriate fire access lanes in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.
- (3) Construction Standard. Each fire access lane shall be constructed to a minimum width of 18 feet, 12 feet of which shall be paved, graveled, or constructed on an appropriate stable base with grass or sod topping. Each fire access lane shall be constructed with a minimum unobstructed vertical clearance of no less than 13 feet 6 inches. Construction of the fire access lane can be combined with a pedestrian path if appropriately located and constructed. Property owners shall be responsible for obtaining and maintaining the required signage for any fire access roads after being notified of this requirement. When determining the type of construction appropriate for the fire lane, consideration shall be given to the

aesthetics of the site.

- (4) Location. Fire access lanes shall be located so as to serve the entire building from the building site so as to provide the most direct means of access for all emergency vehicles; and to be sufficiently close to the building to afford the means to provide protection for the structure while being far enough removed so as to provide safety for the emergency vehicles using the fire access lane in the event of the collapse of the building. The Fire Official/Marshal shall make the determination of location of fire lanes after reviewing recommendations of both the Borough Engineer and Borough Planner; however, the Fire Official/Marshal shall have the ultimate authority with respect to the determination of the location of fire access lanes.
- (5) Marking of fire access lanes required. Fire access lanes shall be appropriately posted with signs indicating the words "No Parking - Fire Zone" in red letters on a white background, with a red line bordering the perimeter of the sign, said sign to be 12 inches by 18 inches, made of metal with rust-resistant reflective coating, posted at the ends of each fire lane, and at one-hundred-foot intervals. Covering the face and top of the curb with a solid yellow color of paint shall also designate fire lanes. The above criteria for the painting of fire lanes is to be considered a minimum; additional painting may be placed on the site consisting of crosshatches, solid yellow areas, or such other designations, in addition to the curb painting to serve as a deterrent to parking in fire access lanes.
- (6) Maintenance and repair of fire access lanes. The owner of the site upon which a fire access lane is located shall be responsible for constructing, designating, and marking fire access lanes as required by this chapter. All maintenance and repair of signage and pavement marking, if any, shall remain the responsibility of the owner and his successor. The maintenance and repair shall be a continuing condition of any approval conferred with respect to the construction, remodeling, or occupancy of the building or structure on the premises. Any failure to maintain or repair said signs or pavement markings shall be a basis for voiding the prior approval. Approvals, which shall be conditional under this subsection, shall include, but not be limited to, final site plan approval and certificates of occupancy.
- (7) Enforcement.
  - (a) No unauthorized vehicles shall be allowed to park, stand or stop in any fire access lane, nor shall any person in any manner obstruct any fire access lane. Anyone violating this section shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500 for each separate offense or by imprisonment of not more than 90 days, or both. "Unauthorized vehicle" shall be interpreted to mean: a vehicle other than an emergency vehicle as well as such other vehicle as may be designated by the Fire Official/Marshal.
  - (b) Any unoccupied vehicle parked, stopped or standing in violation of this chapter in any fire access lane shall be deemed a nuisance, and the Fire Official may provide for its immediate removal. The owner of the vehicle shall pay the cost of its removal and any subsequent storage that may be required before he/she may be allowed to regain possession of same.
  - (c) The Fire Official, the Code Enforcement Officer and any Police Department shall have concurrent jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of this section.
  - (d) Notwithstanding the penalties set forth above, the Borough shall be entitled to pursue any other remedy available by law to enforce the provisions hereof.

**Section 2:** All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

**Section 3:** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after proper passage, publication, and approval as provided by law.

**NOTICE**

The ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at the regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Wrightstown held on July 11, 2012. It will be further considered for final passage after a public hearing at the regular meeting to be held on August 8, 2012 at the Borough Hall, 21 Saylor's Pond Road, Wrightstown, New Jersey at 6:30 P.M., at which time and place any persons desiring to be heard upon the same will be given an opportunity to be heard.

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FREDA H. GORMAN,  
Acting Municipal Clerk

**Introduction/First Reading July 11, 2012**

**MOTION:** Mr. Lownds

**SECOND:** Mr. Borsavage

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

AYES: Ms. Levan, Mr. Lownds, Mrs. Knapp, Mr. Timberman, Mr. Borsavage

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

**Second Reading/Public Hearing August 8, 2012**

**MOTION:** Mr. Borsavage

**SECOND:** Mr. Lownds

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

AYES: Ms. Levan, Mr. Lownds, Mrs. Knapp, Mr. Timberman, Mr. Borsavage

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Bird

ABSTAIN: None

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THOMAS E. HARPER, Mayor

**CERTIFICATION**

TAKE NOTICE that the aforementioned Ordinance Number 2012-02 was finally adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Wrightstown, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, after Second Reading and Public Hearing at their Regular Meeting held on August 8, 2012.

Dated: August 8, 2012

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