

**TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE

No. **24-047**

1ST READING	<u>NOVEMBER 12, 2024</u>	DATE TO MAYOR	<u>DECEMBER 4, 2024</u>
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FACTUAL CONTENTS CERTIFIED TO BY

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY

TITLE

ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON, NEW JERSEY, CHAPTER 228, FIRE PREVENTION

Be It Ordained by the Council of the Township of Hamilton, in the County of Mercer and State of New Jersey, that the *Code of the Township of Hamilton, New Jersey, Chapter 228, Fire Prevention*, as amended and supplemented, be further amended and supplemented as follows:

Chapter 228

FIRE PREVENTION

Article I. Adoption of Standards; Fire [Protection] Prevention

§ 228-1. Adoption of standards; copies on file.

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§ 228-2. Definitions.

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§ 228-3. Fire lanes.

A. Designation of fire lanes [in shopping centers].

- (1) [For] The purpose[s] of [this section, a shopping center is defined as set forth in § 550-7, as interpreted and determined] these specifications are to establish general criteria for the making of designated fire lanes when required by the Fire Marshal of the Township.
- (2) Authority is hereby vested in the Fire Marshal of the Township, in conjunction with the Police Division of the Township, to establish and designate fire emergency access zones [in shopping centers,] and to designate, determine and provide for a lane of up to 35 feet in width running entirely across the frontages or faces of the buildings [of such shopping centers] utilized for public ingress and egress.
- (3) The Fire Marshal may, in addition, after consulting with the Fire Chief and Township Engineer, designate other fire lane areas and areas designated solely for the purpose of providing ingress and egress for fire, police and other emergency apparatus.

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- (4) The fire emergency access lanes so designated shall be in those locations and of sufficient design as may be reasonable and required by the public safety and welfare, and the purpose of these lanes shall be a guaranteed unimpaired ingress and egress to [the shopping center] buildings as well as the public parking areas in and around such [shopping center] buildings for fire, police and other emergency vehicles. Fire emergency access lanes shall be designed to support the weight of the largest fire apparatus. The design of the emergency access lane shall be subject to the approval of the Township Engineer. The lanes shall be installed by the property owner utilizing regulation signs and paint on the pavement areas, which signs and paint shall be installed and maintained by the property owner under the direction and supervision of the [Police Division] Township Engineer [and in accordance with the specifications of the Traffic Bureau of the Township Police Division in conjunction with the recommendations of the Fire Chief].

(a) Signs.

1. All signs shall be twelve (12) inches wide by eighteen (18) inches long with a minimum of two-inch high lettering.
2. The signs shall be made of reflectorized sheeting with white background and red lettering.
3. Signs shall be post or wall mounted, shall be placed at the beginning and the end of the lane at such intervals as required by the Township Engineer, but not more than one hundred (100) feet center to center.
4. Signs shall be placed at a height of seven (7) feet as measured from the ground surface to the bottom of the sign.
5. The fire lane sign shall state: "No Parking Fire Lane".

(b) Striping.

1. All pavement markings shall be yellow in color and installed using reflectorized highway marking material.
2. Fire lanes shall be identified by painting the curb yellow (unless the curb is Belgium block) and be striped a minimum of eighteen (18) feet wide, if feasible: the lane shall be striped to a minimum of twelve (12) feet or as designated by the Township Engineer.
3. Each yellow diagonal stripe shall be four (4) inches wide, five (5) feet apart throughout the area and around the perimeter of the lane.
4. The legend "No Parking Fire Lane" shall be placed within the striped outer boundary lines of the lane at a minimum of one-hundred-foot intervals, if so designated by the Township Engineer, to further identify the area designated.
5. The lettering of the legend, if required, shall be eighteen (18) inches high and placed within the center of the fire lane.

- (5) No person or any agent or employee shall park, leave standing or cause to be

EXPLANATION Matter UNDERLINED thus in this legislation is new matter.
 Matter contained in BRACKETS [thus] is to be omitted from the law.

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parked any vehicle in any of the lanes mentioned in this section, or cause any other obstruction in the areas so designated as fire lanes.

- (6) The Police Division of the Township shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the Fire Marshal of the Township in enforcing this section.
- (7) Any person found guilty of a violation of this section shall be liable to the penalties contained in N.J.S.A. 39:4-203 and court costs involved.
- (8) If any person seeks a variance from this section, the Fire Marshal shall chair a meeting with the representatives of such person, the Township Engineer, and the Fire Chief or the Fire Chief's designee who shall make the final decision upon such request.

B. Traffic on fire lanes. There shall not be allowed any vehicular traffic of any kind save for emergency vehicles on any properly dedicated and designated fire lane throughout the Township, whether the lanes are so designated by order of an official public agency or by the owner of the private property.

§ 228-4. Removal of spills of hazardous or flammable substances.

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Article III. Key Lock Boxes

§ 228-13. Where required.

In all buildings regardless of use or occupancy, which are protected by an automatic alarm system and/or a fire sprinkler system or has windows covered to the extent that quick access or visibility to the inside of the structures are blocked, the owners and/or management agents shall install a key box, of a type and in a location approved by the proper official of the Division of Fire. Any manual locked gates for driveways which allow access to any building are required to place a lock approved by the Division of Fire. Any building containing an elevator shall install an elevator key box approved by the Division of Fire. The key box shall be mounted at each elevator bank at the lobby nearest the main entrance or in a location approved by the Division of Fire. The following are exempt from this requirement:

- A. All properties protected by an on-site, 24 hours per day/seven days per week guard service;
- B. All properties having employees on duty and/or on site 24 hours per day/seven days per week;
- C. Multiple-family dwellings containing six or fewer individual occupancies; and
- D. Single-family homes.

§ 228-14. Requirements for voluntary installation.

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Any Ordinance or Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

PRESIDENT

MUNICIPAL CLERK

RECORD OF VOTE													
First Reading							Second Reading						
COUNCIL	AYE	NAY	NV	AB	ORD	SEC	COUNCIL	AYE	NAY	NV	AB	ORD	SEC
PASQUALE "PAT" PAPERIO, JR.	✓					✓	PASQUALE "PAT" PAPERIO, JR.						
NANCY PHILLIPS	✓						NANCY PHILLIPS						
CHARLES F. WHALEN	✓				✓		CHARLES F. WHALEN						
RICHARD L. TIGHE, JR.	✓						RICHARD L. TIGHE, JR.						
ANTHONY P. CARABELLI, JR.	✓						ANTHONY P. CARABELLI, JR.						

X - Indicates Vote A.B. - Absent N.V. - Not Voting ORD. - Moved SEC. - Seconded

REJECTED _____

JEFFREY S. MARTIN, MAYOR

DATE

APPROVED _____

RECONSIDERED BY COUNCIL _____

OVERRIDE VOTE

AYE _____

NAY _____