

ORDINANCE 2025-11

*Borough of Metuchen
County of Middlesex
State of New Jersey*

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 93 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF METUCHEN ENTITLED, “FIRE PREVENTION”, SPECIFICALLY §93-10 ENTITLED, “REGISTRATION FEES”

WHEREAS, Chapter 93 of the Code of the Borough of Metuchen governs Fire Prevention in the Borough of Metuchen and provides for the local enforcement of the Uniform Fire Safety Act and the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Official and the Administration of the Borough of Metuchen has reviewed and evaluated the current Fire Prevention registration and inspection fees with surrounding municipalities, along with the time and costs of enforcement and recommend that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchen amend Chapter 93 of the Code of the Borough of Metuchen, specifically § 93-10, entitled “Registration fees” to update the Registration fees;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and council of the Borough of Metuchen have determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough of Metuchen to amend Chapter 93 of the Code of the Borough of Metuchen, specifically § 93-10, entitled “Registration fees” to update the Registration fees.

NOW THEREFOR BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of Metuchen that it hereby amends Chapter 93 of the Code of the Borough of Metuchen, specifically § 93-10, entitled “Registration fees” of the Code of the Borough of Metuchen to state as follows:

§ 93-10. Registration and Inspection fees.

The owners of all businesses, occupancies, buildings, structures or premises required to be inspected under this section shall apply annually with the local enforcing agency for a certificate of registration upon forms provided by the fire official. The term of the annual registration requirement shall run from July 1st through June 30th. This requirement does not apply to life hazard uses registered pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:70. The following non-life-hazard uses shall register with the Bureau of Fire Prevention and pay an annual registration and inspection fee, according to the following schedule:

A. Fees.

(1) Mercantile / Retail / Banking / Personal Care:

Up to 1,000 square feet of occupiable space:	\$75.00
1,001 square feet to 1,999 square feet of occupiable space:	\$100.00
2,000 square feet to 3,500 square feet of occupiable space	\$125.00

3,501 square feet to 4,999 square feet of occupiable space	\$200.00
5,000 square feet to 11,999 square feet of occupiable space	\$300.00
12,000 square feet to 100,000 square feet of occupiable space	\$600.00

(2) Factories, Assembly Plants, Wood and Metal Shops:

Up to 1,000 square feet of occupiable space:	\$100.00
1,001 square feet to 1,999 square feet of occupiable space:	\$150.00
2,000 square feet to 3,500 square feet of occupiable space	\$250.00
3,501 square feet to 4,999 square feet of occupiable space	\$400.00
5,000 square feet to 11,999 square feet of occupiable space	\$500.00

(3) Warehouse, Storage (No Assembly) Manufacturing or Retailing:

Up to 1,000 square feet of occupiable space:	\$100.00
1,001 square feet to 1,999 square feet of occupiable space:	\$150.00
2,000 square feet to 3,500 square feet of occupiable space	\$200.00
3,501 square feet to 4,999 square feet of occupiable space	\$250.00
5,000 square feet to 11,999 square feet of occupiable space	\$400.00
12,000 square feet to 100,000 square feet of occupiable space	\$600.00

(4) Business / Office:

Up to 1,000 square feet of occupiable space:	\$ 50.00
1,001 square feet to 1,999 square feet of occupiable space:	\$125.00
2,000 square feet to 3,500 square feet of occupiable space	\$175.00
3,501 square feet to 4,999 square feet of occupiable space	\$200.00
5,000 square feet to 10,000 square feet of occupiable space	\$250.00

(5) Residential / Multiple Dwellings (three or more dwelling units):

One (1) Single Family rental (non-owner occupied)	\$ 75.00
Two (2) Family Rental or Duplex (non-owner occupied)	\$ 100.00
Three (3) Family – Five (5) Family	\$ 50.00 per dwelling unit
Apartment Complexes (6-10 units)	\$250.00

Apartment Complexes (11-24 units)	\$350.00
Apartment Complexes (25-50 units)	\$500.00
Apartment Complexes (51-74 units)	\$650.00
Apartment Complexes (75-124 units)	\$800.00
Apartment Complexes (125-199 units)	\$950.00
Apartment Complexes (200-249 units)	\$1,200.00
Apartment Complexes (250-299 units)	\$1,500.00

(6) Other Use:

\$125 minimum inspection fee.

B. Landlord Registration. Every landlord shall register with the Borough of Metuchen, as provided for in N.J.S.A. 46:8-28, et seq., and pay the registration and inspection fees set forth above.

C. Uses not classified above that are subject to the Uniform Fire Code will be classified as business uses.

D. Uses required to register with the State as life-hazard uses shall not be required to register under this section.

E. In the discretion of the Fire Official, vacant buildings will be charged and inspected according to the previous use of the building and in accordance with Chapter 139 of the Borough Code.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council that existing registrations required under Chapter 93 of the Code shall be extended from May 31st to June 30th; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council that all prior ordinances, or sections of ordinances, resolutions and Borough actions inconsistent with the within ordinance are hereby repealed; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council that all remaining sections of Chapter 93 not amended herein shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council that if any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance, which shall continue in full force and effect, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable; and

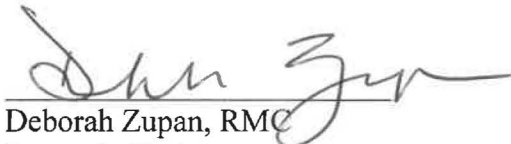
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council that this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

Ord. 2025-11

Introduction: May 12, 2025
Date of Publication: May 16, 2025

COUNCILMEMBER	YES	NO	NV	AB	COUNCILMEMBER	YES	NO	NV	AB	
BRANCH	X				HYMAN	X				
DELIA	X				KANDEL				X	
GIAMBOI	X				JETHWANI	X				
MOTION	DELIA			SECOND			GIAMBOI			
X - INDICATES VOTE				AB- ABSENT			NV- NOT VOTING			

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an ordinance introduced by the Borough Council of the Borough of Metuchen, Middlesex County, New Jersey at a regular meeting held on May 12, 2025.


Deborah Zupan, RMC
Borough Clerk



Adopted: June 9, 2025
Date of Publication: June 13, 2025

COUNCILMEMBER	YES	NO	NV	AB	COUNCILMEMBER	YES	NO	NV	AB	
BRANCH	X				HYMAN	X				
DELIA	X				KANDEL				X	
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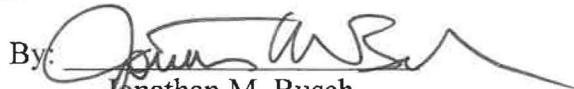
I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an ordinance adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Metuchen, Middlesex County, New Jersey at a regular meeting held on June 9, 2025.


Deborah Zupan, RMC
Borough Clerk



ATTEST:


Deborah Zupan, RMC
Borough Clerk

By: 
Jonathan M. Busch
Mayor