

BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

ORDINANCE O-25-15

AMENDING CHAPTER 11 "UNIFORM FIRE CODE", SECTION 11-5.1 "APPOINTMENT AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE FIRE OFFICIAL" AND SECTION 11-5.2 "APPOINTMENT AND QUALIFICATIONS OF INSPECTORS AND OTHER EMPLOYEES" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS

WHEREAS, Chapter 11, Sections 5.1 and 5.2 of the Borough Code establishes qualifications and guidelines for the appointment of the fire official, inspectors and other employees of the enforcing agency by the Borough of Highlands; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Marshal has analyzed and evaluated the Borough Code and has recommended certain changes with respect to the language contained within Sections 11-5.1 and 11-5.2 the Borough Code; and

WHEREAS, such changes are in accordance with amendments to the Uniform Fire Safety Act enacted in P.L. 2025 c. 19; and

WHEREAS, the governing body finds that these recommendations further protect the general health, safety and welfare of the Borough; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the governing body of the Borough of Highlands as follows:

SECTION I.

Borough Code Chapter 11 "Uniform Fire Code", Section 11-5.1 "Appointment and Qualifications of the Fire Official" and Section 11-5.2 "Appointment and Qualifications of Inspectors and Other Employees", shall be amended as follows: (All additions are shown in <u>bold</u> <u>italics with underlines</u>. The deletions are shown as <u>strikeovers in bold italics</u>.):

§ 11-5.1 Appointment and Qualifications of the Fire Official.

The fire official shall be *certified* <u>licensed</u> by the state <u>in accordance with the requirements of</u> <u>the New Jersey Uniform Fire Safety Act</u> and appointed by the governing body after review of credentials submitted to the Borough Administrator.

§ 11-5.2. Appointment and Qualifications of Inspectors and Other Employees.

Inspectors and other employees of the enforcing agency shall be appointed by the governing body after review of credentials submitted to the Borough Administrator. All life hazard use inspectors shall be *certified licensed* by the state *in accordance with the requirements of the New Jersey Uniform Fire Safety Act*.

SECTION II. <u>SEVERABILITY</u>. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance, which shall otherwise remain in full force and effect.

SECTION III. <u>REPEALER</u>. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION IV. <u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>. This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage as provided by law.

First Reading and Set Hearing Date for O-25-15:

	INTRODUCED	SECOND	АҮЕ	VAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
CERVANTES						
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DATE OF VOTE: July 16, 2025

Nancy Tran, Municipal Clerk Borough of Highlands

Public Hearing for O-25-15:

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DATE OF VOTE: August 20, 2025

Carolyn Broullon, Mayor

Nancy Tran, Municipal Clerk Borough of Highlands