

Introduction date: January 2, 2024  
Adoption date: January 22, 2024

**ORDINANCE 2024-1  
TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON  
BURLINGTON COUNTY**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 268 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE  
REGARDING DESIGNATION OF THE LOCAL ENFORCING AGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey law requires the designation of a local enforcing agency which is the entity charged with enforcement of the Uniform Fire Safety Act; and

**WHEREAS**, in prior years, and as designated in the Township Code, the local enforcing agency has been the Bureau of Fire Prevention which is under supervision of the Board of Fire Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, in Board of Fire Commissioners Resolution 2023-5, the Board of Fire Commissioners elected to relinquish their duty as the Local Enforcing Agency; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of Eastampton, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Section 268-2 of the Township Code of Eastampton shall be amended to now read as follows: (Language in **boldface** is new)

“The local enforcing agency shall be the **Township of Eastampton**, which shall consist of the Fire Official and his staff.”

**SECTION 2.** Section 268-5 of the Township Code of Eastampton shall be eliminated. (Language with ~~strikethrough~~ is eliminated)

~~The local enforcing agency established under §268-2 of this chapter shall be part of the Eastampton Fire District and shall be under the supervision of the Fire Official, who shall report to the Board of Fire Commissioners of Eastampton Township Fire District No. 1 or such officer as the Board of Fire Commissioners may designate.~~

**SECTION 3.** Section 268-6 of the Township Code of Eastampton shall be eliminated. (Language with ~~strikethrough~~ is eliminated)

~~A. The local enforcing agency shall be under the direct supervision of the Fire Official, who shall be appointed by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Eastampton Fire District No. 1. The Fire Official shall be responsible for enforcing not only the Uniform Fire Code but also the Municipal Fire Safety Code, except with respect to new construction.~~

~~B. Term of office. The Fire Official shall serve for a term of three years or until his successor is appointed. Any vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term.~~

~~C. Inspectors and employees. The Board of Fire Commissioners shall appoint such inspectors and employees as may be necessary to carry out all required inspection activity in the Fire District. Such inspectors shall be under the supervision and control of the Fire Official.~~

~~D. Removal from office. The Fire Official, inspectors and employees of the enforcing agency shall be subject to removal by the Board of Fire Commissioners for inefficiency or misconduct. Each employee so removed shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard by the appointing authority or a designated hearing officer.~~

**SECTION 4.** Section 268-8 of the Township Code of Eastampton shall be amended to now read as follows. (Language in **boldface** is new)

In addition to the inspection and permit fees required pursuant to the Act and the regulations of the Department of Community Affairs, additional inspections and fees shall be required. All fees are set forth in Chapter 250 of this Code and, subject to applicable law, shall be paid to the **Township of Eastampton**.

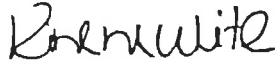
**SECTION 5. Repealer.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to said inconsistencies and conflict.

**SECTION 6. Severability.** If any section, part of any section, or clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not effect the remaining provisions of this ordinance. The governing body of the Township of Eastampton declares that it would have passed the ordinance and each section and subsection thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more of the subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases may be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

**SECTION 7. Effective Date.** The ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

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ATTEST:



KIM-MARIE WHITE  
Municipal Clerk



DOMINIC F. SANTILLO  
Mayor

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Council	Motion	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Apgar	✓		✓			
Councilman Rodriguez		✓	✓			
Councilman Springer			✓			
Councilman Zeno			✓			
Mayor Santillo			✓			
		<b>VOTE</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>		

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