

**BOROUGH OF PARAMUS  
COUNTY OF BERGEN  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**ORDINANCE No. 2025-08**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 241 OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE  
BOROUGH OF PARAMUS TITLED "FIRE PREVENTION" BY AMENDING §241-9,  
§241-10.1 AND §241-11.**

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Paramus, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. The Code of the Borough of Paramus at §241-9 titled "Additional inspections and registration fees", §241-10.1 titled "Fire hydrant installation fee", §241-11 titled "Violations and penalties", are hereby amended by the following:

**§ 241-9. Additional inspections and registration fees. [Amended 6-21-2011 by Ord. No. 11-19]**

- A. The owner of all businesses, occupancies, buildings, structures or premises required to be inspected under the requirements of the Uniform Fire Code shall register annually with the Fire Prevention Bureau upon forms provided by the Fire Official. It shall be a violation of this chapter for an owner to fail to return such forms to the Fire Prevention Bureau within 30 days of receipt. If ownership is transferred, whether by sale, assignment, gift, interstate succession, device, reorganization, receivership, foreclosure, execution process or any other method, the new owner shall register, pursuant to this subsection, after notification by the Fire Official.
- B. All registered units shall pay an annual fee in accordance with the following fee.
- (1) Parking garages: \$75 per each level of parking.
  - (2) Building common areas in all buildings other than multiple dwellings: \$75 per level of structure.
  - (3) Multi-Family Dwellings units:
    - a) Up to four dwelling units: \$150
    - b) More than four dwellings units: \$150 and an additional \$15 per unit above four units.
    - c) Owner occupied one & two- family dwelling units are exempt from annual registration and fees.
  - (4) Each kiosk within a mall (Temporary or Permanent): \$150
  - (5) All other units will follow the fee schedule below:

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<b>Floor Area (square feet)</b>	<b>Fee</b>
500 or less	\$125
501 to 1,000	\$175
1,001 to 3,000	\$250
3,001 to 6,000	\$325
6,001 to 9,000	\$400
9,001 to 12,000	\$475
12,001 to 24,000	\$550
24,001 to 48,000	\$625
48,000 and over	\$700

(6) Home Offices:

- a) Any medical, dental or veterinary office, not otherwise classified as a life hazard use: \$150
- b) Any day care, day nursery or camp with a maximum occupancy of 6 children: \$100
- c) Any other home office not fitting one of the above classifications: \$75

(7) Food Trucks/Mobile Food Vendors: \$150

- C. Inspections: All registered units will be inspected periodically, but not less than once per year.
- D. Special events: Whenever a property owner shall propose to hold a special event on his or her property, which shall include a carnival, fair, show, auction, etc., the property owner shall notify the Fire Prevention Bureau. If the Fire Official determines that it is necessary, for the purpose of public safety, to have a Fire Inspector(s) or crowd manager(s) present during such special events, the property owner, operator, organizer, sponsor or organization responsible for the event shall be responsible to pay the overtime rate for each staff member required to attend the event to ensure public safety.
1. The overtime fee shall be determined as follows:
- a) For an event held anytime except Sundays or Holidays the fee will be one and a half times the base salary of the highest earning inspector.
  - b) For an event held on Sundays or Holidays the fee will be two times the base salary of the highest earning inspector.

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- c) A municipal fee of 20% shall be added to all overtime fees.
  
- d) Any event held during normal business hours that can be handled with the regularly staffed inspectors is exempt from any overtime fees.
  
- E. Food truck registration and inspection: All food trucks operating within the Borough are required to register annually. The annual registration fee identified in § 241-9 B (7) expires on December 31 of each calendar year. A fire inspection is required each time a food truck sets up, prior to commencing operations; multiday events will require an inspection each day of operation. Fire inspections must be scheduled one week in advance and cannot be scheduled without an approved special event permit from the Borough Clerk's Office. Inspections outside of regular Borough business hours will incur additional fees as identified in § 241-9 D.
  
- F. Exemption from fee: The following businesses and uses shall be exempt from the registration fees; however, they shall still be required to file a registration form and comply with all other code requirements.
  - (1) Life-hazard uses identified in § 241-4 which are required to register with the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety, Department of Community Affairs. However, if only a portion of a building or a process within a building is classified as a life-hazard use, then only the square footage of the classified life-hazard use will be exempt from the fee.
  - (2) All Borough of Paramus and Board of Education owned property.
  - (3) Municipal libraries.
  - (4) Paramus Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Corps buildings.
  
- G. Violations.
  - (1) The penalty for failure to register annually with the Fire Prevention Bureau, within 30 calendar days after having been ordered to do so, shall result in a penalty amount equal to double the applicable registration fee.
  - (2) The penalty for failure to pay the registration fee, within 30 calendar days after having been ordered to do so, shall be an amount equal to double the unpaid fee.

**§ 241-10.1. Fire hydrant installation fee. [Added 10-7-2020 by Ord. No. 20-27]**  
If the development of a property requires an additional public fire hydrant(s) as determined by the Fire Prevention Bureau, the developer of the property shall pay a one-time fee for the fire hydrant and waterline maintenance to the Borough in the amount of \$13,560 for each public fire hydrant to be installed, calculated at a projected fee based

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upon the current agreement between the Borough of Paramus and Veolia North America.

**§ 241-11. Violations and penalties. [Amended 10-7-2020 by Ord. No. 20-27]**

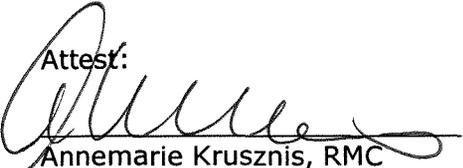
Penalties shall be as set forth in the New Jersey Administrative Code 5:70-2.12

**Section 2.** If any part of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

**Section 3.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Section 4.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately after passage and publication as provided by law.

Attest:

  
Annemarie Krusznis, RMC  
Borough Clerk

Approved:

  
Christopher DiPiazza  
Mayor

Introduction: March 4, 2025

Final: March 18, 2025