

Ordinance #10-2016
Introduced 08-09-16
Adopted

**TOWNSHIP OF TEWKSBURY
ORDINANCE NO. 10-2016**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEWKSBURY, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO ADD SECTION 12.27 ENTITLED "REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE FROM FIRE HYDRANTS AND STAND PIPES" TO TITLE 12 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEWKSBURY, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Tewksbury, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey has been made aware of recent legislation adopted by the State of New Jersey which permits, among other things, the creation of a municipal ordinance to require property owners to clear fire hydrants promptly after each snowfall; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned legislation also allows a municipality to take action against a non-compliant property owner who fails to clear any fire hydrant on his property.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Tewksbury, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that an additional section shall be added to Title 12 to be identified as Chapter 12.27 entitled "Removal of Snow and Ice From Fire Hydrants and Stand Pipes" and which shall read as follows:

Section 1

12.27.010 —Definitions.

"Snow coverage" means the coverage of the fire hydrant or stand pipe as a result of natural precipitation or street-clearing activities.

Section 2

12.27.020 — Property owner responsible for clearing fire hydrants and stand pipes.

It shall be the responsibility of each property owner whose property contains any fire hydrants or stand pipes to clear such hydrants or stand pipes of snow within twenty-four hours of any snow coverage of such hydrants or stand pipes.

Section 3

12-27.030 — Violation; Penalty.

If any property owner fails to comply with the requirements of Chapter 12.27.020 of this chapter, the Township may in its discretion perform the clearance and bill the responsible property owner up to \$75.00 per hydrant or stand pipe for the service.

Section 4

All other sections of the Ordinance shall remain unchanged.

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Section 5

Severability. The various parts, sections, and clauses of this Ordinance are declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clauses are judged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Section 6

This Ordinance shall take effect as required by law.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF TEWKSBURY

Roberta A. Brassard
Municipal Clerk

Peter Melick
Mayor

DATED:

CERTIFICATION

I, **Roberta A. Brassard**, Municipal Clerk for Tewksbury Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an Ordinance duly adopted by the Township Committee at their , 2016 meeting.

ROBERTA A. BRASSARD,
Municipal Clerk