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**ORDINANCE NO. 13-2012
TOWNSHIP OF TEWKSBURY
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8.16, ENTITLED "FIRE PREVENTION," OF THE
CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEWKSBURY**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Tewksbury, in the County of Hunterdon, and State of New Jersey that Chapter 8.16, entitled "Fire Prevention" of the Code of the Township of Tewksbury is hereby amended as follows and all other sections will remain unchanged:

8.16.044 Non-life hazard uses is replaced in its entirety with

8.16.044 Non-Life Hazard Use Registration

In addition to the Life Hazard Use registrations required by the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code, the owner/tenant of all businesses, occupancies, building, structures or premises determined not to be life hazard uses shall register with the township fire marshal's office and inspected every two years, upon change of business use or occupancy or at the discretion of the fire marshal.

A registration fee to cover the administration and inspection requirements will be charged based on the listing below.

Failure to comply with the terms of this section may result in fines and penalties in accordance with penalties set out in the Uniform Fire Code and the regulations promulgated by the Department of Community Affairs.

1. Business occupancies, buildings, or structures up to two thousand five hundred (2,500) square feet of occupiable space: fifty (\$50.00) dollars.
2. Business occupancies, buildings, or structures between two thousand five hundred one (2,501) square feet and five thousand (5,000) square feet of occupiable space: seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars.
3. Business occupancies, buildings, or structures between five thousand one (5,001) square feet and ten thousand (10,000) square feet of occupiable space: one hundred (\$100.00) dollars.
4. Business occupancies, buildings, or structures between ten thousand one (10,001) square feet and twenty thousand (20,000) square feet of occupiable space: two hundred (\$200.00) dollars.
5. Business occupancies, buildings, or structures between twenty thousand one (20,001) square feet and fifty thousand (50,000) square feet of occupiable space: three hundred (\$300.00) dollars.

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6. Business occupancies, buildings, or structures between fifty thousand one (50,001) square feet and one hundred thousand (100,000) square feet of occupiable space: four hundred (\$400.00) dollars.

7. All multiple family dwellings of use group R-2 as defined in the New Jersey Uniform Construction Code: seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars.

8. All Use Groups, H, F, S, and U as defined in the New Jersey Uniform Construction Code: one hundred (\$100.00) dollars.

9. Owners of multi-tenant businesses, condominiums or apartment complexes, who are responsible for common and assembly areas, fire alarm systems, fire protection systems, and alarms, elevators, mechanical and electrical equipment rooms, will be assessed on the net square footage after calculation of tenant area is subtracted from the gross building area. This net result to be supplied by the owner to the Fire Prevention Bureau.

The amount to be assessed will be equal to the amounts listed above for the area remaining.

Owners of multi-tenant locations that do not have common areas but are still responsible for the other services listed above will be assessed a one hundred (\$100.00) dollar registration fee annually to cover the inspection and administration requirements required by the State Uniform Fire Code.

In the event of a vacancy, that area will be added to the owners assessed area and billed accordingly at the next annual registration fee billing cycle.

The local enforcing agency shall be responsible for the collection of these fees and shall remit promptly to the Township of Tewksbury within the time period as provided by law.

A new chapter 8.16.045 entitled Waivers is included

8.16.045 **Waivers**

The following uses shall be exempt from local permit fees; however they shall be required to comply with local registration, inspection and all other code requirements:

- a. The Township of Tewksbury
- b. The Oldwick Fire Company
- c. The Tewksbury Rescue Squad
- d. The Tewksbury Board of Education

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and adoption and publication according to law.

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Dana Desiderio
Mayor

Attest:

Roberta A. Brassard
Municipal Clerk