ORDINANCE NO. 11-2012

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PARTIAL AMENDMENT AND SUPPLEMENTATION OF CHAPTER 11, "FIRE PREVENTION," OF THE "REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS, NEW JERSEY, 1972" WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW ARTICLE 4 ENTITLED "VISUAL IDENTIFIER FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT SPRINKLER/STANDPIPE CONNECTIONS."

WHEREAS, the Borough Council is desirous of amending Chapter 11 of the Revised Ordinances of the Borough of Morris Plains to require a visual identifier for Fire Department sprinkler and standpipe connections in accordance with a recommendation of the Morris Plains Fire Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Morris Plains, they being the Governing Body thereof, as follows:

Section 1:

Chaper 11, "Fire Prevention," as set forth in the Revised Ordinances is hereby amended, supplemented and revised with the addition of a new Article 4, entitled "Visual Identifier for Fire Department Sprinkler/Standpipe Connections," which shall read, in its entirety,as follows:

Article 4. VISUAL IDENTIFIER FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT SPRINKLER/STANDPIPE CONNECTIONS.

11-19.

The owner of a structure within the Borough of Morris Plains having a sprinkler or standpipe connection either attached to or within five feet of said structure, shall be required to install, maintain and illuminate a weatherproof light fixture containing a 100 watt light source, red in color, mounted on the structure in the immediate vicinity of the sprinkler or standpipe connection at a height of seven feet above the connection. The exact final placement and design of the light fixture shall be set forth on plans submitted to the Fire Department of the Borough of Morris Plains and approved by the Borough Fire Prevention Official.

11-20.

The owner of any structure in the Borough of Morris Plains served by sprinkler and/or standpipe connections that are remotely located at a distance in excess of five feet from the building shall cause to be placed, maintained and illuminated a freestanding light fixture containing a 100 watt light source, red in color, immediately behind the fixture at a height of four feet. The exact final placement and design of the light fixture shall be set forth on plans submitted to the Fire Department of the Borough of Morris Plains and approved by the Borough Fire Prevention Official.

11-21.

In certain cases, based upon extraordinary circumstances, the Borough Fire Prevention Official shall have the right to grant a waiver of the requirements imposed by this ordinance on an individual basis; however, some other form of substitute identification shall be required.

11-22.

The owner of any structure in the Borough of Morris Plains which falls within the requirements of this Article shall cause the structure to be brought into compliance within 90 days from receipt of written notice from the Borough Fire Prevention Official.

11-23.

Failure to comply with the provisions of this Article may result in the imposition of fines, such fines as may be levied pursuant to and for a violation of the Uniform Fire Prevention Code.

Section 2:

All other provisions of the aforesaid Chapter 11 of the Revised Ordinances shall be unaffected and are hereby continued.

Section 3:

All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 4:

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such a decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 5:

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication as provided by law.

Introduced: 8/16/12
Adopted: 9/6/12

Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor