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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Gloucester City 3-3-1986 by Ord. No. 2-1986.¹ Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Fire Department — See Ch. 4, Administrative Code, Art IX.
Unsafe buildings and structures — See Ch. 30.
Uniform construction codes — See Ch. 37.
Housing Code — See Ch. 55.

¹ Editor's Note: This ordinance also superseded Ord. No. 10-1985, adopted 9-5-1985, which in turn superseded former Ch. 48, Fire Prevention Code, adopted 12-6-1984 by Ord. No. 12-1984.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Gloucester City, in the County of Camden and State of New Jersey, that:

§ 48-1. Authority. [Amended 12-4-2003 by Ord. No. 20-2003]

Pursuant to Section 11 of the Uniform Fire Safety Act (P.L. 1983, c.383) the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code and N.J.A.C. 5:70 et seq. shall be locally enforced in the City of Gloucester City.

§ 48-2. Enforcement agency.

The local enforcement agency shall be the Bureau of Fire Prevention.

§ 48-3. Duties of agency. [Amended 4-3-2003 by Ord. No. 5a-2003]

The local enforcement agency shall enforce the Uniform Fire Safety Act and the codes and regulations adopted under it in all buildings, structures and premises within the established boundaries of Gloucester City, other than owner-occupied one- and two-family dwellings, and shall faithfully comply with the requirements of the Uniform Fire Safety Act and the Uniform Fire Code.² In addition to compliance with the above-stated codes and regulations, all residential and commercial structures shall comply with § 55-13(C) of the Gloucester City Code and proper installation of smoke detectors in those structures shall be certified by the Fire Official, Inspector or other duly authorized personnel.

² Editor's Note: See N.J.S.A. 52:27D-192 et seq.

§ 48-4. Life-hazard uses.

The local enforcement agency established by § 48-2 of this ordinance shall carry out the periodic inspection of life-hazard uses required by the Uniform Fire Code on behalf of the Commissioner of Community Affairs.

§ 48-5. Organization. [Amended 12-4-2003 by Ord. No. 20-2003]

The local enforcement agency established by § 48-2 of this ordinance shall be a part of the Gloucester City Fire Department and shall be under the direct supervision and control of the Fire Official. The Fire Official shall report to the Chief of the Department who shall report to the City Administrator.

§ 48-6. Appointment of Fire Official.

The Fire Official shall be appointed by the Mayor and Common Council upon recommendation of the Fire Committee.

§ 48-7. Terms of office.

The Fire Official and inspectors shall serve under civil service rules and regulations governing paid fire departments. Any vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term.

§ 48-8. Appointment of inspectors and other employees.

Such inspectors and other employees as may be necessary in the local enforcement agency shall be appointed by the Mayor and Common Council upon recommendations of the Fire Committee and the Fire Official.

§ 48-9. Removal from office.

The Fire Official, inspectors and other employees of the enforcement agency shall be subject to removal by the Mayor and Common Council upon the recommendation of the Fire Committee of the City of Gloucester for inefficiency or misconduct. Each employee to be so removed shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard by the appointing authority or a designated hearing officer.

§ 48-10. Board of Appeals.

Pursuant to Sections 15 and 17 of the Uniform Fire Safety Act,³ any person aggrieved by any order of the local enforcement agency shall have the right to appeal to the Construction Board of Appeals of Camden County.

**§ 48-11. Additional required inspections and fees.
[Amended 7-2-1992 by Ord. No. 22-1992; 12-4-2003
by Ord. No. 20-2003]**

All non-life hazard uses shall be inspected periodically but not less than once every 12 months. Annual registration fees for non-life hazard per: building, premise, or property which are not listed by the State of New Jersey, Division of Fire Safety as a Life Hazard Use and of a use according to the U.C.C. will be as follows:

Type	Fee
Assembly use groups	
0 to 4,000 square feet	\$35.00
4,001 to 8,000 square feet	70.00
8,001 to 12,000 square feet	100.00
For each additional 10,000 square feet or part thereof	100.00
Outdoor Use	50.00

³ Editor's Note: See N.J.S.A. 52:27D-206 and 27D-208.

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Business use groups

0 to 4,000 square feet	\$35.00
4,001 to 8,000 square feet	70.00
8,001 to 12,000 square feet	100.00
12,001 to 20,000 square feet	200.00
For each additional 10,000 square feet or part thereof	100.00

Mercantile use groups

0 to 4,000 square feet	\$35.00
4,001 to 8,000 square feet	70.00
8,001 to 12,000 square feet	100.00
12,001 to 20,000 square feet	200.00
For each additional 10,000 square feet or part thereof	100.00

Low hazard factory and industrial occupancies

0 to 4,000 square feet	\$50.00
4,001 to 8,000 square feet	75.00
8,001 to 12,000 square feet	100.00

Moderate hazard factory and industrial occupancies

0 to 4,000 square feet	\$70.00
4,001 to 8,000 square feet	125.00
8,001 to 12,000 square feet	200.00

High hazard use groups

0 to 4,000 square feet	\$100.00
4,001 to 8,000 square feet	150.00
8,001 to 12,000 square feet	250.00

Storage use groups

0 to 4,000 square feet	\$50.00
4,001 to 8,000 square feet	75.00
8,001 to 12,000 square feet	100.00

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Type	Fee
Fire lane blocking/parking	25.00
Smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector certificate of compliance	\$10.00
Fire report fee (non-owner)	\$15.00
EMS report fee (non-patient)	15.00

§ 48-12. Permit fees. [Amended 6-15-1992 by Ord. No. 19-1992; 12-4-2003 by Ord. No. 20-2003]

The permit fees shall be as published by the State of New Jersey in relation to the Uniform Fire Code N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.9(c).

§ 48-13. Technical amendments. [Amended 12-4-2003 by Ord. No. 20-2003]

All technical amendments and provisions shall comply with the Uniform Fire Code of the State of New Jersey, N.J.A.C. 5-70 et seq., 5:71-1 et seq., 5:72-1 et seq., 5:73-1 et seq., 5:75-1 et seq., and 5:23A-1 et seq.

