

Millstone Township Agricultural Advisory Council

News Bulletin

New Jersey Uniform Fire Code Enforcement

Fire Code Permit Fees and Inspections

The Agricultural Advisory Council has been contacted by Township farmers regarding Bureau of Fire Prevention permits, fees and inspections. Township Ordinance No. 10-30 states:

“Premises that are incidental or auxiliary to the agricultural use of a farm property, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 4:70-2.4(b) are exempt and shall be exempt from fees for same, but shall comply with all requirements set forth in Section 13-3.7e., 1-10.”

The complete Ordinance can be found on the Ag Council’s website page.

If you receive a Fire Safety Registration Survey:

- The Survey must be completed and submitted within 30 days. Failure to complete and submit the Survey could result in a \$500 fine.
- Agriculture is not considered a life safety hazard. Please note in the appropriate section of the Survey that farm buildings are exempt from the registration according to N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.4 (b).

Bureau of Fire Prevention Inspections:

- Please note that while **farm operations are exempt from inspection fees**, farms are still subject to inspections and must comply with requirements set forth in Ordinance No. 10-30.

If you receive a Fire Code Permit Invoice for a Life Hazard Use:

- Return the invoice with a note explaining that the permit is for a farm operation, which is exempt from life hazard use permit fees. You can also print out and include a copy of Ordinance No. 10-30 when you return the invoice to the Bureau of Fire Prevention.
- If you receive a Fire Code Permit Invoice for a **Torch Cart/Welding Cart**: If the torch cart at the farm is solely for the farm’s repairs, then it does not require a permit, however, it is still subject to inspection. If the welding shop does additional welding work for off-farm repairs, then the welding cart does require a permit.