

BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE

ORDINANCE #1675

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE AND  
CREATING A CHAPTER THEREOF REQUIRING A REFLECTIVE SYMBOL ON  
STRUCTURES USING ENGINEERED LUMBER

WHEREAS, much new construction, both residential and commercial, consists of engineered lumber, in the form of prefabricated I-joists, truss joists, truss rafters and similar materials, and

WHEREAS, many types of engineered lumber burn at a rate faster than other types of lumber thereby creating, in many cases, unexpected problems for firefighters; and

WHEREAS, in fighting fires, time being of the essence in saving lives and property, and

WHEREAS, it is imperative for firefighters, and others, to know the type of materials used in the construction of a structure.

NOW THEREFORE be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge as follows:

**SECTION I** DEFINITIONS. As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

ENGINEERED LUMBER-- prefabricated I-joists, truss joists, truss rafters, and laminated beams and studs.

REFLECTIVE SYMBOL---An emblem made of reflective material, in the shape and form designed by the River Edge Fire Department, containing information identifying a structure as containing engineered lumber.

STRUCTURE—A combination of materials to form a construction for occupancy, use or ornamentation, whether installed on, above or below the surface of a parcel of land.

**SECTION II.**

The Borough Construction Official shall determine if a structure contains engineered lumber. All structures containing engineered lumber must have a reflective symbol affixed to an electrical meter serving the structure. The reflective symbol shall be applied by the Construction Official and shall be a condition of the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.

**SECTION III**

The reflective symbol shall be in the form designed by the River Edge Fire Department and will contain lettering to identify the location of any engineered lumber in the structure.

**SECTION IV**

This chapter shall apply to all structures, whether residential, commercial or otherwise, including structures existing at the time of the effective date of this ordinance.

**SECTION V**

This chapter shall be enforced by the Construction Official of the Borough of River Edge.

**SECTION VI**

Any person violating this ordinance by refusing to use the reflective symbol or by

removing or tampering with the reflective symbol shall be subject to a fine in an amount of \$25.00 per violation. Each day that a violation continues shall be deemed to be a separate and distinct offense.

**SECTION VII**

All ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed as to such inconsistencies only

**SECTION VIII**

If any provision of this ordinance shall be found to be invalid, for any reason, by the final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such provision shall not affect the remaining provisions of this ordinance, which shall be severable therefrom.

**SECTION IX**

This ordinance shall take affect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law

Margaret Falahee Watkins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Denise A. Dondiego, Borough Clerk

Dated:

