

BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
IN ORDER TO SAFE GUARD THE FIRE FRIGHTERS FROM LIGHT WIEGHT
CONSTRUCTION.

WHEREAS, much new and old 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 UPPER SADDLE RIVER as follows:

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to mandate the exterior identification of all structures within the Borough of Upper Saddle River that utilize lightweight wood, wood truss, steel truss, composite truss, laminated wood, wood "T" beams, or any other pre-manufactured lumber as a method to construct, renovate, or alter any section of an individual structure or dwelling unit. The pre incident identification of these buildings will provide fire suppression crews with critical strategic and tactical information to be utilized during firefighting operations and significantly enhance the safety of fire suppression personnel operating at emergency incidents. This Ordinance shall apply to all structures consisting of truss or pre-manufactured building components not currently regulated for identification within the New Jersey Edition of the Uniform Construction Code and International Fire Code.

ARTICLE 1:

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 any other materials that may fit within this category.

REFLECTIVE SYMBOL---An emblem made of reflective material, in the shape and form as described by the Uniform Construction Code (U.C.C.), The Uniform Fire Code (U.F.C) and the International Fire Code New Jersey Addition (I.F.C.) With the mentioned modifications in order to maintain continuity through out the state 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.

All definitions in the U.C.C. , The U.F.C. and the I.F.C. shall be the same for this ordinance .

ARTICLE 2 : LOCATION & APPLICATION

The Borough Construction Official shall determine if a structure contains engineered lumber. All structures containing engineered lumber must have a reflective symbol Affixed to the following locations: **Primary Location** will be the electrical meter, in the event the electrical meter is inside the structure the **Secondary Location** will be the area of the gas meter plainly visible, in the event the gas meter is inside the building the **Third and Final Location** will be the garage door. The reflective symbol shall be applied by the Construction Official / Fire Official or other representative and shall be a condition of the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy in new construction and the Certificate of Acceptance in other than new construction.

ARTICLE 3 : SYMBOL DESIGN AND AVAILIBLITY

The REFLECTIVE SYMBOL shall an emblem made of reflective material, in the shape and form as described by the U.C.C. dimensions shall be 5 x 2.5 this shape and design shall be used in order to maintain continuity through out the state identifying a structure as containing engineered lumber. This REFLECTIVE SYMBOL will be supplied by the Borough at no expense to the owner.

ARTICLE 4 : SERVABILTY

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, existing structures shall be posted according to these guidelines with the owner's consent.

ARTICLE 5 : ENFORCEMENT RESPONSABILTY

This chapter shall be enforced by the Construction Official, Zoning Officer and the Fire Official of the Borough of UPPER SADDLE RIVER.

ARTICLE 6 : MAINTAINANCE

It is the responsibility of the homeowner to assure the integrity of the REFLECTIVE SYMBOL. In the event it is removed, damaged or fades over time it shall be the owner's responsibility to contact the Building Department to have a new REFLECTIVE SYMBOL installed.

ARTICLE 7 : VIOLATION

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 \$250.00 per violation. Each day that a violation continues shall be deemed to be a separate and distinct offense.

ARTICLE 8 : OTHERS

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

ARTICLE 9 : VALIDITY

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 there from.

ARTICLE 10 : AFFETIVE DATE

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

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