



## **Chapter 19**

# **The Town of Milford Fire Prevention Ordinance**

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### **Article 1. Uniform Fire Code and Life Safety Code**

#### **Sec. 1.1 NFPA 1 Uniform Fire Code and NFPA 101 Life Safety Code:**

- 1-1.1. For the purpose of regulating the construction, alteration, addition, repair, removal, demolition, use, occupancy, maintenance and inspection of all buildings and structures within the Town of Milford, the edition of NFPA 1 Uniform Fire Code and NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, as adopted by the State of Maine, shall be used.
- 1-1.2. The Fire Chief or his designee shall perform the duties of Inspector under the State of Maine Statutes 25§2351-A to 2361 and 30A Subchapter V §4453.
- 1-1.3. Any owner or occupant failing to comply with the order of the Inspector shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25.00 for each day's neglect, in accordance with State of Maine Statute 25§2360.

#### **Sec 1-2 Compliance Permit**

- 1-2.1. As of the adoption date of this ordinance, no new construction, modification or change of occupancy of existing buildings may be occupied in whole or in part in violation of the provisions of this ordinance, NFPA 1 Uniform Fire Code or NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, unless the following conditions exist:
  - A) A plan of Correction has been approved.
  - B) No serious life safety hazards exist as judged by the Inspector.
  - C) A permit has been requested and granted by the Fire Department.There shall be a \$20.00 fee for this permit, to be paid to the Town of Milford.

## **Article 2. Fire Hydrants**

### **2-1 Obstruction of Fire Hydrants**

2-1.1 No person shall park or cause to be parked any vehicle for any purpose within five (5) feet of any fire hydrant.

2-1.1.1 *Exception: Fire apparatus in the pursuit of their duties at an emergency, training or testing of said fire hydrant.*

2-1.2 No person shall obstruct or cause to be obstructed or place any snow within five (5) feet of any fire hydrant.

2-1.2.1 *Exception: Town Public Works Department or State of Maine Department of Transportation in their normal removal of snow from public streets and ways.*

## **Article 3. Fire Lanes**

### **Sec 3-1 Purpose**

3-1.1. Fire Lanes are established for the purpose of promoting public health, safety and welfare by recognizing that there exist and will in the futures exist buildings and other area within the town to which the public will be invited, served or housed. Those buildings or other areas must be provided prompt, adequate emergency services including access by firefighters and firefighting equipment and/or other emergency personnel and equipment in order to accomplish said purpose and effect the saving of life and property in emergency situations.

### **Sec 3-2 Applicability**

3-2.1 The provisions of this article shall, in order to accomplish the stated purpose shall be applicable to those buildings defined in NFPA 1 Uniform Fire Code, AND nonresidential and residential subdivisions as described in the Town of Milford Land Use Ordinance, all schools whether public or private, hospitals, convalescent homes, rest homes, nursing homes and group homes with six (6) or more persons and places of public assembly used for gathering together fifty (50) or more persons.

Sec 3-3 Maintenance and Identification of Fire Lanes

3-3.1 Fire Lanes shall be marked with posted signs or marked curbs, sidewalks or other traffic surfaces that have words "FIRE LANE – NO PARKING" painted in contrasting colors.

3-3.2. Whenever any vehicle shall be found parked in violation of the regulations as established by this ordinance, any law enforcement or fire officer may attach to such a vehicle a notice to the owner or operator therefore that such vehicle has been parked in violation of the regulations. Such owner or operator shall pay to the Town of Milford a sum of not less than twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars. Payment of will shall be due within 30 days of the issuance of the notice, after which a summons shall be issued.

**Article 4. Portable Barbeque Grills and Open Flame Cooking Devices.**

Sec 4-1 Restriction of LP-gas, Charcoal Grills, and Open Flame Cooking Devices from being used near combustible material.

4-1.1. Charcoal burners, barbeque fixed and/or portable, and other open flame devices are prohibited on combustible balconies or within 10 feet of combustible construction.

**Exception:**

1. One and two-family dwellings.
2. When all of the following conditions are met:
  - a. Where buildings, balconies, and decks are non-combustible construction.
  - b. Protected by an automatic sprinkler system.
  - c. The device is only fueled by natural gas.

4-1.2. No person shall use individual fixed or portable, LP-gas burners or barbeques on or under any attached covered patios, balconies, covered walkways, stairs, or roof overhangs and shall not be located within 10 feet of combustible construction.

## Article 5. Qualifications and Duties of the Fire Inspector

## Sec 4-1 Qualifications of the Fire Inspector

4-1.1. The Inspector shall meet the qualifications as outlined in NFPA 1031 Standard for the Professional Qualifications for Fire Inspector and Plan Examiner. The edition of this code will be as referenced in the current adopted edition of NFPA 1 Uniform Fire Code as adopted by the State of Maine.

## Sec 4-2 Duties of the Fire Inspector

4-2.1. The Inspector shall conduct an inspection program in accordance with this ordinance, the Town of Milford Land Use Ordinance, and NFPA 1730 Standard on Organization and Deployment of Fire Prevention Inspection and Code Enforcement, Plan Review, Investigation, and Public Education Operations. The most current edition of this standard shall be used.

Attested by Leniessia Curtis, Town Clerk

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