



**BOROUGH BOGOTA  
PUBLIC HEARING & ADOPTION**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1633**

**DATE: 05-15-2025**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 16 OF THE BOGOTA CODE, ENTITLED  
"FIRE PREVENTION"**

**PUBLIC HEARING OPEN**

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	RECUSE	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Council President L. Kohles	✓		✓				
Councilmember C. Carpenter			✓				
Councilmember W. Hordern			✓				
Councilmember P. McHale		✓	✓				
Councilmember J. Mitchell			✓				
Councilmember D. Vergara			✓				

**COMMENTS:** None.

**PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED**

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**WHEREAS**, Chapter 16 of the Bogota Code sets forth the Fire Prevention rules and regulations for the Borough; and,

**WHEREAS**, Section 3.2 of Chapter 16 establishes the Bureau of Fire Prevention, which is tasked with enforcing the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code; and,

**WHEREAS**, Section 3.2 establishes the Bureau of Fire Prevention as a subsidiary of the Bogota Fire Department; and,

**WHEREAS**, Section 3.4 of Chapter 16 establishes the position of Fire Official in the Borough of Bogota, and directs the Fire Official to report to the Chief of the Fire Department; and,

**WHEREAS**, Section 3.5 of Chapter 16 sets forth the rules and qualifications for which the Fire Official is to be appointed, and includes the recommendation of the fire chief as part of the appointment process; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Bureau of Fire Prevention has evolved into a full-time department, whose duties and responsibilities have greatly expanded since the time the Bureau was originally formed; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council wish to revise Chapter 16 of the Bogota Code to establish the Bureau of Fire Prevention as an independent department in the Borough, and to

separate it from the Bogota Fire Department, since the roles and responsibilities of the Bureau are separate and unrelated to those of the Fire Department; and,

**WHEEREAS**, Section 3.7 of Chapter 16 sets forth yearly registration fees for various Non Life Hazard Uses in the Borough; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Fire Marshal has advised the Mayor and Council that the yearly fees currently in place are outdated, and recommends that they be revised; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council has accepted the recommendation of the Fire Marshal, and wish to revise the yearly fees set forth in Section 3.7 of Chapter 16 to amounts recommended by the Fire Marshal.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota, that Chapter 16 of the Bogota Code is hereby amended, revised and supplemented as follows:

**SECTION 1: AMENDMENT TO SECTION 16-3.2, ENTITLED "AGENCY DESIGNATION".**

Section 16-3.2, entitled "Agency Designation" is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

16-3.2 Agency Designation.

The local enforcing agency shall be the Bogota Bureau of Fire Prevention, which is hereby created. The Bureau of Fire Prevention shall hereafter be known as the local enforcing agency.

**SECTION 2: AMENDMENT TO SECTION 16-3.4, ENTITLED "ORGANIZATION".**

Section 16-3.4(a) is hereby amended, revised and supplemented as follows:

- a. The ~~b~~Bureau of ~~f~~Fire ~~p~~Prevention established by subsection 16-3.2 of this section shall be under direct supervision and control of the fire official, who shall carry the rank of fire marshal, and shall report to the ~~chief of the fire department~~ *Mayor and Council directly or through the Borough Administrator.*

**SECTION 3: AMENDMENT TO SECTION 16-3.5, ENTITLED "APPOINTMENTS, QUALIFICATIONS, TERM OF OFFICE, REMOVAL".**

Section 16-3.5(a) is hereby amended, revised and supplemented as follows:

- a. Appointment and qualifications of fire official. The fire official shall be appointed by the mayor and council. ~~Upon recommendation of the fire chief,~~ The fire official must be certified by the appropriate agency of the State of New Jersey. The fire official must also keep his certification from the State of New Jersey in good standing at all times.

**SECTION 4: AMENDMENT TO SECTION 16-3.7, ENTITLED "NON LIFE HAZARD USES".**

Section 16-3.7, entitled "Non Life Hazard Uses" is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

In addition to the registration required by the Uniform Fire Code, the following uses shall register with the bureau of fire prevention. These uses shall pay the following yearly registration fees.

A. Assembly:

A-1 Eating establishment, under 50 occupancy	\$75
A-2 Take out food service, no seating	\$75
A-3 Church or Synagogue	Exempt
A-4 Recreation centers, multi purpose rooms, fewer than 50	\$75
A-5 Court rooms, libraries, fraternal org., condominium center, under 50	\$90
A-6 Senior Citizens center, fewer than 50	\$75

B. Business/professional:

B-1 Professional use one and two story, less than 5,000 sq. ft. per floor	\$75
B-2 One and two story, more than 5,000 sq. ft., less than 10,000 sq. ft. per floor	\$110
B-3 One and two story, more than 10,000 sq. ft.	\$150
B-4 Three to five story, more than 5,000 sq. ft. per floor	\$200

B-5 Three to five story, between 5,001 and 10,000 sq. ft.	\$300
B-6 Three to five story, over 10,000 sq. ft.	\$450
C. Retail:	
M-1 One story, less than 2,000 sq. ft.	\$75
M-2 One and two story, 2,001 to 5,000 sq. ft., per floor	\$150
M-3 One and two story, 5,001 to 8,000 sq. ft., per floor	\$225
M-4 One and two story, more than 8,000 sq. ft., per floor	\$400
D. Manufacturing (factory)-Non life hazard only:	
F-1 One and two story, less than 3,000 sq. ft., per floor	\$160
F-2 One and two story, 3,001 to 7,000 sq. ft., per floor	\$250
F-3 One and two story, more than 7,000 sq. ft., per floor	\$400
E. Storage-Non life hazard only:	
S-1 One and two story, less than 3,000 sq. ft., per floor	\$150
S-2 One and two story, 3,001 to 7,000 sq. ft., per floor	\$250
S-3 One and two story, 7,000 sq. ft., per floor	\$400
F. Residential:	
R-1* Non-owner-occupied one-family	\$100
R-2* All two-family dwellings	\$150
R-3 3 to 10 units (multiple-family)	\$200
R-4 11 to 20 units	\$300
R-5 21 units or more	\$450

A fee of \$40 shall be charged for all re-inspections required under this Section.

**SECTION 5: AMENDMENT TO SECTION 16-1.10, ENTITLED "BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION FEE SCHEDULE FOR OBTAINING PERMITS".**

Section 16-1.10, entitled “Bureau of Fire Prevention Fee Schedule for Obtaining Permits”

is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

16-1.10 Bureau of Fire Prevention Fee Schedule for Obtaining Permits.

Whenever a permit is required, the fees shall be set forth by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Fire Safety and adhered to by the Borough of Bogota, Fire Prevention Bureau.

**SECTION 6: AMENDMENT TO SECTION 16-1.11, ENTITLED “APPEALS”.**

Section 16-1.11, entitled “Appeals” is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

16-1.11 Appeals.

Under the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code, Permits must be issued by the Fire Official/Fire Marshal. All appeals of the Fire Official/Fire Marshal’s decisions must be filed within fifteen (15) days in writing to the Bergen County Construction Board of Appeals.

**SECTION 7: SEVERABILITY.**

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, such a decision shall not affect the remaining portions of the Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect, and for this purpose the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

**SECTION 8: INCONSISTENCY.**


Any and all ordinances, or parts thereof, in conflict or inconsistent with any of the terms and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to such extent as they are so in conflict or inconsistent.

**SECTION: EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

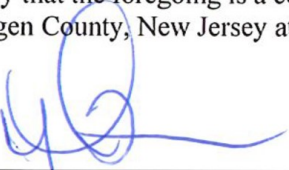
ATTEST:

  
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Borough Clerk

  
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Mayor

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Yenlys Flores-Bolivar, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Bogota, Bergen County, New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough of Bogota, Bergen County, New Jersey at a meeting held on 05-15-2025.

  
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Yenlys Flores-Bolivar, Municipal Clerk