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Mine Hill Township ORDINANCE NO. 14-2025 PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the following Ordinance was submitted in writing, introduced, read by title and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Township Council of Mine Hill Township, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, held on Thursday, October 2, 2025, and will be further considered for final passage on Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. at a meeting at the Municipal Building in said Township, or at any time and place to which said meeting may be adjourned, at which time and place a public hearing will be held thereon by the Governing Body and all persons and citizens in interest shall have an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance. Copies of said Ordinance are available at the office of the Township Clerk during regular office hours. BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL Marcia H. Istvan, RMC, Township Clerk AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 252, FIRE PREVENTION, ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR THE SALE, STORAGE, CHARGING AND USE OF LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of Mine Hill Township, in consultation with the Fire Marshal, recognize the increasing prevalence of lithium-ion batteries in powered mobility devices such as e-bikes and e-scooters within the Township; and WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council and the Fire Marshal acknowledge that improperly manufactured, damaged, or mishandled lithium-ion batteries pose significant fire and safety hazards to residents, businesses, and property within the Township; and WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council and the Fire Marshal believe it is in the best interest of Mine Hill Township to establish comprehensive regulations governing the sale, storage, charging, and use of lithium-ion batteries to protect public health, safety, and welfare; and WHEREAS, these regulations are necessary to ensure that only properly tested and certified lithium-ion batteries and powered mobility devices are sold and used within the Township, thereby reducing the risk of fire, explosion, and other safety hazards. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of Mine Hill Township, in the County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, Chapter 252 is hereby amended to include a new Article II, as follows: SECTION 1. Chapter 252, Fire Prevention, shall be amended by the addition of Article II as follows: Article II Regulation of Lithium-Ion Batteries \c252-11. Definitions. LITHIUM-ION BATTERY Means and includes a storage battery in which an electrical current is generated by lithium ions embedded in a carbon graphite or nickel metal-oxide substrate placed in a high-viscosity carbonate mixture or gelled polymer electrolyte. POWERED MOBILITY DEVICES Means and includes motorized bicycles, motorized scooters and other personal mobility devices powered by a lithium-ion or other storage battery. The term "powered mobility device" does not include wheelchairs, medical devices or other mobility devices designed for use by persons with disabilities or any motor vehicles, motorcycles or other mobility devices capable of being registered with the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission. SECOND-USE LITHIUM-ION BATTERY Means and includes a lithium-ion battery that has been assembled or reconditioned using

cells removed from used batteries. STORAGE BATTERY Means and includes a secondary battery in which an ion (H+ from H2O in the nickel-metal hydride system, Li+ in the lithium-ion system) shuttles back and forth between anode and cathode during charge and discharge cycling, without requirement from other reactants. \c252-12. Sale of second-use lithium-ion batteries prohibited. A. No person shall distribute, sell or offer for sale: 1. A second-use lithium-ion battery. 2. A lithium-ion battery for a powered mobility device unless it has been listed and labeled by the Underwriters Laboratories, a nationally recognized testing laboratory or such other organizations as may be approved by the Fire Official, and such labeling is disclosed on the battery or on packaging for such battery. B. No person shall assemble or recondition a lithium-ion battery using cells removed from used storage batteries. C. Each noncompliant battery shall constitute a separate violation. \c252-13. Registration of Certain Businesses. A. Any business within the Township of Mine Hill which distributes, sells, offers for sale or rents lithium-ion batteries and powered mobility devices, including scooters and bicycles, or which provides charging services for powered mobility devices, and that, at any time, has or maintains a total inventory or stock exceeding thirty-five (35) lithium-ion powered batteries, shall be required to register with the Township Fire Official in accordance with this Section. All existing businesses shall register within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this ordinance. B. Registration pursuant to this Section shall be on the form prescribed by the Township and shall contain the following information: 1. The name of the business owner, property owner and, if applicable authorized agent or representative; 2. The direct mailing address of the business owner, property owner and, if applicable authorized agent or representative; 3. The direct telephone number for the business owner, property owner and authorized agent or representative; 4. E-mail address for the business owner, property owner and authorized agent or representative; 5. The name and 24-hour contact telephone number of a representative of the local property management company responsible for the security and maintenance of the property; and 6. A certificate of insurance in compliance with N.J.S.A. 40A:10A-1. C. Upon receipt of a complete registration application, the Township Fire Official shall issue a certificate of registration. The business shall display the certificate of registration in the licensed premises. D. Any business subject to this Section shall be required to provide written notice to the Township Fire Official within thirty (30) days of any changes in the registration information and shall file an amended registration with the Fire Official. E. Any business subject to this Section shall be subject to inspections by the Township Fire Official. \c252-14. Regulations for Registered Businesses. All businesses subject to registration under \c 252-13. of this Article shall be required to: A. Maintain records of lithium-ion batteries and powered mobility devices in their possession and the date, place and manner of disposal of all defective and discarded batteries; B. Ensure that all lithium-ion batteries kept on the premises are stored in a fire-resistant storage cabinet or in such other manner as may be approved by the Fire Official in accordance with accepted nationally recognized standards for fire prevention and public safety; C. Ensure that all areas in which lithium-ion batteries are charged or stored have sufficient natural or mechanical ventilation in accordance with applicable codes to prevent the accumulation of any flammable or other gases that may be discharged during normal charging operations; D. Ensure that all areas in which lithium-ion batteries are charged or stored are equipped with proper functioning smoke detectors or smoke alarms and adequately protected by an approved fire sprinkler system, fire alarm system, fire extinguisher, fire containment system or such other fire prevention or suppression systems, devices or equipment as may be approved by the Fire Official in accordance with accepted nationally recognized standards for fire prevention and public safety; and E. Ensure that all areas where lithium-ion batteries are charged or stored are temperature controlled to prevent over-heating or other unsafe battery conditions. \c252-15. Regulation of storage and charging areas for lithium-ion batteries in rental property and multiple-family dwellings. It shall be unlawful to charge or store a lithium-ion-powered battery for a powered mobility device or a lithium-ion battery-powered mobility device within the common areas or basement of any residential rental property or multi-family residential property containing three or more dwelling units. \c252-16. Violations and penalties. A. A violation of this article shall be punishable by a warning or fine as set forth in this Chapter. B. Each violation of this article shall constitute a separate violation independent of any other section, or any order issued pursuant to this chapter. Each day's failure to comply with this article or subsection shall constitute a separate violation. SECTION 2. This Ordinance may be renumbered for codification purposes. SECTION 3. All Ordinances of Mine Hill Township which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency. SECTION 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance. SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect as provided by law. P.F.\$157.08 10/09/T1

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Mine Hill Township ORDINANCE NO. 14-2025 Notice is hereby given that the following ordinance was read by title for the second time and given a hearing at the meeting of the Township Council of Mine Hill Township, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, on October 16, 2025 and passed at final reading. This ordinance was approved and signed by Mayor Morris on October 16, 2025. BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL Marcia H. Istvan, RMC, Township Clerk AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 252, FIRE PREVENTION, ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR THE SALE, STORAGE, CHARGING AND USE OF LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES P.F.\$18.36 10/23/T1

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