



JACKSON BUREAU OF FIRE SAFETY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 & 3

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Dear Business Owner,

In 1981, following tragic multiple death fires in Keansburg and Bradley Beach which claimed the lives of 55 people, a Fire Safety Study Commission was created to examine existing fire safety standards and recommend improvements. The Commission's recommendations were enacted into law in 1983 as the Uniform Fire Safety Act (L.1983, c-383, s.2). Pursuant to that Act, it became mandatory for the owner of a life hazard use, high-rise structure or covered mall to file an application for a certificate of registration with the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs.

In accordance With the Uniform Fire Safety Act, the Commissioner of Community Affairs has designated 140 types of businesses or operations as life hazards. These require periodic inspection to minimize risks by ensuring that structures continue to be used for the purpose for which they were designed and that life safety features are properly maintained. The 140 types are divided into thirty-seven categories each having a specific use code.

Your business has been identified by this local enforcing agency as a life hazard use. Please keep in mind that we are registering the BUSINESS and not the building, unless the building is a life hazard use. Thus, the owner of the business is required to complete the registration form. The only buildings which are life hazard uses are covered malls, buildings with atriums and high-rise buildings. In these instances, the owner of the structure would be required to register.

After you have filed your application, your business will be registered with the Division of Fire Safety. You will receive a Certificate of Registration and an annual Life Hazard Use registration bill. Sixty-five percent of the fee is rebated to your local enforcing agency to cover the costs of enforcing the Uniform Fire Code and carrying out other related fire prevention activities. The remaining thirty-five percent covers state prevention and enforcement costs.

In accordance with Uniform Fire Safety Act, you must complete, sign and return the application within 30 days even if you feel that your use or building does not require registration. Failure to complete and return the application within the time specified subjects you to a penalty of \$500.

If you should have any questions or need assistance in completing this application, please feel free to call our application processing unit at 609-633-6144. Once you have completed the application, please mail it to Jackson Bureau of Fire Safety Districts 1 & 3, 200 Kierych Memorial Dr, Jackson NJ 08527.

Fire Safety is in everyone's interest and we appreciate your cooperation