

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
ORDINANCE NO. 6-2025**

**AMENDING CHAPTER 128 CONSTRUCTION CODES, UNIFORM
TO ESTABLISH A NEW SECTION ENTITLED
“ CONTROL OF DUST AND PLASTIC CONTAMINANTS”**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic, and State of New Jersey that Chapter 128 of the Code of the City of Northfield is hereby amended as follows (added text underlined; deleted text ~~stricken~~):

ARTICLE I - GENERAL

§ 128-1. Definitions.

As used in this Article ~~chapter~~, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

FACADE SIGN — no change
GROUND SIGN — no change
GROUND/MONUMENT SIGN — no change
MINIMUM FEE — no change
PROJECTING SIGN — no change
PYLON SIGN — no change
PYLON/FREESTANDING SIGN — no change
RETAINING WALL — no change
VARIATION — no change
WALL SIGN — no change
WHIRLPOOL/SPA/POOL/FOUNTAIN – FREESTANDING/PORTABLE — no change
WHIRLPOOL/SPA/POOL/FOUNTAIN – PERMANENT PRIVATE — no change

§ 128-2. Enforcing agency established. – no change

§ 128-3. Fees.

- A. No change
- B. No change
- C. No change
- D. No change
- E. Report of Construction Official. The Construction Official shall, with the advice of all subcode officials of the City of Northfield, prepare and submit to the City Council of the City of Northfield, once every two years, a report indicating his recommendations for a fee schedule based on the operating expenses of the Building Department and any other expenses of the municipality fairly attributable to the enforcement of the State Uniform Construction Code Act.³ The report shall be structured in accordance with such guidelines as shall be issued from time to time by the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs so as to accurately portray true enforcing agency expenses in general and for structures of different use groups. This report shall then serve as a basis for this Article ~~chapter~~ to be enacted by the municipality, establishing such revisions to the fee schedule

as it may deem appropriate and necessary.

- F. No change
- G. No change

§ 128-4. Annual permits, periodic inspections and variations – no change.

§ 128-5. Appeals – no change

ARTICLE II: CONTROL OF DUST AND PLASTIC CONTAMINANTS

§128-8: Definitions

For the purposes of this Article, the following definitions apply:

CONTRACTOR - Refers to any individual or entity engaged in construction, renovation, or maintenance to commercial or residential properties within the City of Northfield.

WORKSITES - Shall include all outdoor and indoor worksites within the jurisdiction of the City of Northfield where construction, renovation, or related activities are taking place.

§128-9: Dust, Trash, Debris and Plastic Control

Contractors operating within the City of Northfield shall do all of the following to control dust, trash, and plastic contaminants at their worksites:

- A. When cutting or drilling poly carbonate materials, fiberglass, pavers, or wood treated with chemical contaminants, or any materials containing plastics, contractors shall use a vacuum attachment on all saws when practical to minimize the release of dust and micro plastic particles.
- B. Contractors shall cut and drill in enclosed spaces to keep dust levels to a minimum and facilitate ease of cleanup and prevent release of debris. These enclosed spaces may include tents to enclose the worksites or hoods made specifically for saws.
- C. Contractors shall cut and drill pavers with wet saws and in enclosed spaces to keep dust levels to a minimum and facilitate ease of cleanup and prevent release of debris. These confined spaces should include tents to enclose the worksites.
- D. Contractors shall not engage in cutting or drilling activities without placing a tarp under power tools to catch debris and contaminants.
- E. Contractors shall tarp their work areas and clean-up all trash and generated from work of the day like dust particles, microplastics and saw dust, a minimum of once a day to prevent the dispersion of dust, trash, debris, and plastic contaminants.
- F. Contractors shall clean up all wood and plastic contaminants before leaving their worksites, ensuring that no waste is left behind nor can be blown into areas beyond the worksite and/or property.
- G. Contractors must separate waste and recyclable materials, such as cardboard, and dispose of in accordance with any and all applicable ordinances, regulations and laws.

§128-10: Prohibition on Storm Drain Disposal

- A. Contractors are strictly prohibited from blowing debris, dust, or plastic contaminants into storm drains. All contractors must dispose of waste materials properly in accordance with existing municipal waste disposal regulations.

- B. Contractors whose job site drains to a public stormwater inlet after stormwater leaves the property, prior to cutting, drilling, or any activity regulated by this Section shall install a filter at that stormwater inlet Polypropylene Geotextile which conforms to ASTM Test D4491, D4751 and D4355.

§128-11: Compliance and Enforcement

- A. Notice of this Ordinance shall be given with each new permit issued for construction, renovation, and related activities.
- B. The City of Northfield may conduct inspections of worksites to ensure compliance with this Ordinance. Any person who violates, fails or refuses to comply with this chapter or any part or section thereof, shall, upon conviction in the Court of appropriate jurisdiction be punished for each offense by a fine not to exceed \$2,000.00 or by imprisonment for any term not exceeding 90 days, or both. Every such violation or refusal shall be deemed a separate violation, and each day that the same shall continue shall be deemed a separate violation.
- C. Contractors are responsible for informing their employees and subcontractors of the requirements and obligations set forth in this ordinance.

Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect March 22, 2025, and shall be applicable to all contractors operating within the City of Northfield from that date onward.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with any terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency only.

This ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage and publication as required by law.

Mary Canesi, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Erland Chau
Mayor

The above Ordinance was passed on first reading at a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Northfield, New Jersey on the 4th day of March 2025, and will be taken up for a second reading, public hearing and final passage at a meeting of said council held on the 18th day of March 2025, in Council Chambers, City Hall, Northfield, New Jersey.

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