

TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER
Ordinance 2012-01

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BASS RIVER AMENDING
BASS RIVER CODE CHAPTER 17.32 ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners finds that there is a need to modify the Bass River Township Code provisions as they currently exist under Chapter 17.32 of the revised Township Ordinances which are applicable to Administration and Enforcement of the Zoning Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners that Bass River Township Code and specifically “Title 17 Zoning, Chapter 32 Administration and Enforcement” is hereby amended to add the following:

17.32.235 Inspections.

The Zoning Enforcement officer of the Township, bearing proper credentials and identification, shall be permitted to enter any and all properties located within the Township of Bass River for the purposes of inspection, observation, measurement, sampling and testing in order to investigate adherence to and compliance with the provisions of this Chapter. Entry will be on notice to the property owner and/or occupant of any property which is the subject of a request for inspection by the appropriate Township Official. Any failure to make the property available for such inspection based upon a reasonable request by the appropriate Township Official will constitute a violation of this Code. Any such violation of this Code shall subject the occupant and/or property owner of such property to a fine of not less than \$250 nor more than \$2,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners that Bass River Township Code and specifically “Title 17 Chapter 17.32.240 Penalties” is hereby amended to read as follows:

A. Fines.

1. Any violation of any provision of this Chapter shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for each offense and/or imprisonment for a term not exceeding ninety (90) days.
2. The following individuals shall be subject to potential punishment:
 - a. The owner, general agent, contractor or occupant of a building, premises or part thereof where such a violation has been committed or does exist; and
 - b. Any agent, contractor, architect, engineer, builder, corporation or other person who commits, takes part or assists in the violation.
3. Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.
4. The imposition of penalties herein shall not preclude the Township or any other person from instituting an action to prevent an unlawful construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair conversion, or use or to restrain, correct or abate a violation, or to prevent the illegal occupancy of a building, land or premises.

B. Injunctive Relief. In addition to the foregoing, the Township of Bass River may institute and maintain a civil action for injunctive relief.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

ALL OF WHICH IS ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2012, by the Bass River Township Board of Commissioners.

Amanda Somes, RMC/CMR

Deborah Buzby-Cope, Mayor

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading by the Commissioners of the Township of Bass River at a meeting held on January 9, 2012. The Ordinance will be considered for final adoption after a public hearing to be held at the Township of Bass River Town Hall located at North Maple Avenue, New Gretna, New Jersey, on February 6, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.