

**CITY OF BRIGANTINE
ORDINANCE NO. 14 OF 2026**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION §175-6(A), “FIRE OFFICIAL; ADDITIONAL INSPECTORS AND STAFF” OF THE CITY CODE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 11 of the Uniform Fire Safety Act (P.L. 1983, c. 383) the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code shall be locally enforced in the City of Brigantine; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brigantine previously determined, and codified under §175-6 that the local enforcement agency established by the City of Brigantine consistent with §175-2 shall be a part of the City of Brigantine Fire Department and under the direct supervision and control of a Fire Official; and

WHEREAS, consistent with §175-6(A) the Fire Official has been required to be a member of the Brigantine Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the City finds it necessary to loosen the requirement that the Fire Official be a member of the Brigantine Fire Department to allow the City to expand the scope of its Fire Official search and appointment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Brigantine in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, that the City Code is amended and supplemented as follows:

ARTICLE I. Amendments to §175-6(A) “Fire Official; additional inspectors and staff” of the City Code is amended and shall now read as follows:

- A. Appointment of Fire Official. For life safety hazards, the local enforcement agency shall be under the direct supervision of the Fire Official, who may be, but is not required to be, a member of the Brigantine Fire Department, but who must hold at all times all active licenses required for the position of Fire Official. When authorized by state law, code or regulation, the Fire Official shall be appointed by the City Council otherwise, the duties of the Fire Official shall be enforced by the State of New Jersey. In the City of Brigantine, the individual appointed as Fire Official may also be the Fire Subcode Official appointed pursuant to the New Jersey State Uniform Construction Code Act (P.L. 1975, c. 217). Nothing in this chapter is intended to alter or affect the position and responsibilities of the Fire Subcode Official, whose duties and responsibilities are mandated by the New Jersey Uniform Construction Code, or to merge the functions of the Bureau of Fire Prevention in the Brigantine Fire Department with the Construction Code Department, except where state law and regulation have mandated such merger or overlap of jurisdiction and duties.

ARTICLE II Section §175-6 subsections B through D of the City Code shall remain unchanged.

ARTICLE III. Repealer, Severability, and Effective Date.

- A. Repealer. Any and all Ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistencies.
- B. Severability. In the event that any clause, section, paragraph or sentence of this Ordinance is deemed to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, then the City Council hereby declares its intent that the balance of the Ordinance not affected by said invalidity shall remain in full force and effect to the extent that it allows the City to meet the goals of the Ordinance.
- C. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as required by law.

ACTION ON INTRODUCTION:

Motion made by: Councilman Kane

Motion seconded by: Councilman Virgilio

VOTE ON INTRODUCTION:

Deputy Mayor Bew:	☒ Yes	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Not Present
Councilman Lettieri:	☒ Yes	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Not Present
Councilman Haney:	☒ Yes	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Not Present
Councilman Virgilio	☒ Yes	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Not Present
Councilman Kane:	☒ Yes	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Not Present
Councilman Riordan:	☒ Yes	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Not Present
Mayor Sera:	☒ Yes	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Not Present

ACTION ON ADOPTION (after public hearing)

Motion made by: Councilman Virgilio

Motion seconded by: Deputy Mayor Bew

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

Deputy Mayor Bew:	☒ Yes	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Not Present
Councilman Lettieri:	☒ Yes	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Not Present
Councilman Haney:	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☒ Not Present
Councilman Virgilio	☒ Yes	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Not Present
Councilman Kane:	☒ Yes	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Not Present

Councilman Riordan:

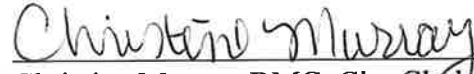
☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Abstain ☐ Not Present

Mayor Sera:

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Abstain ☐ Not Present

I certify that this ordinance was introduced at a properly advertised public meeting on July 15 of 2026, published pursuant to law and the subject of a second reading and public hearing on August 5, 2026 prior to final adoption.



Vince Sera, Mayor

Christine Murray, RMC, City Clerk