

VILLAGE OF ASHAROKEN

LOCAL LAW NO. # -2026

**A LOCAL LAW ENACTING CHAPTER 71 OF THE CODE
OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHAROKEN ENTITLED “BUREAU OF FIRE MARSHAL”**

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Asharoken as follows:

Section One. Legislative Intent.

The Board of Trustees finds that it serves the public health, safety and general welfare of the Village of Asharoken and that it is in the best interests of the Village of Asharoken to establish the Bureau of Fire Marshal to promote fire prevention, to provide emergency response readiness and to provide direct support to the Northport Fire Department.

Section Two. Adoption of new Chapter 71 of the Code of the Village of Asharoken.

A new Chapter 71 of the Code of the Village of Asharoken , entitled “BUREAU OF FIRE MARSHAL” is hereby adopted to provide as follows:

CHAPTER 71. BUREAU OF FIRE MARSHAL

§71-1 Bureau of Fire Prevention.

A Bureau of Fire Prevention is hereby established as a division of the Village of Asharoken Building Department under the supervision of the Building Inspector of the Village of Asharoken. The purpose of the Bureau of Fire Marshal is to promote fire prevention, to provide emergency response readiness and to provide direct support to the Northport Fire Department. The Board of Trustees of the Village of Asharoken shall appoint as many full time or part time Fire Marshals as it deems necessary to achieve the purposes of the Bureau of Fire Marshal.

§71-2 Duties of Fire Marshals

The Fire Marshals shall perform the following duties:

A. Community Risk Reduction & Inspections.

1. Inspections of residential fire protection systems as needed.
2. Assist in review of permits related to residential construction, renovations, and fire protection features.
3. Periodic Fire Safety inspections of Village Hall.
4. Identification of hazards related to access, water supply, and emergency response.
5. Proactive correction of fire and life safety concerns before emergencies occur.

B. Fire Department Response & Incident Support (24/7).

1. Respond to all confirmed fires within the Village.
2. Respond to any incidents involving explosions, hazardous materials, structural collapses, natural disasters or other major emergencies.
3. Assist the Incident Commander with operational coordination and situational awareness at emergency scenes.
4. Assist with scene safety monitoring during suppression and overhaul operations.
5. Provide technical guidance regarding building construction, fire protection systems, and potential hazards.
6. Conduct origin and cause investigations following fires when appropriate.
7. Secure and preserve fire scenes where the cause of a fire is undetermined or suspicious.
8. Coordinate with law enforcement agencies, utilities, and other responding agencies as necessary.
9. Document emergency incidents through photographs, statements, and written reports.
10. Prepare reports and maintain records related to emergency responses.

C. Fire Prevention & Code Enforcement.

Administer and enforce applicable New York State and local fire codes with a goal of compliance through cooperation, education and consistency, including the following:

1. Fire prevention permit review and approvals for residential fire sprinkler installations.
2. Code interpretation and guidance for residents, Village of Asharoken Building Department and contractors.
3. Enforcement actions when necessary, with an emphasis on voluntary compliance.
4. Documentation and reporting to the Village.

D. Community Outreach & Education.

Support fire safety awareness through:

1. Resident education and fire safety guidance.
2. Smoke detector and CO alarm awareness initiatives.
3. Seasonal fire safety messaging.
4. Availability to answer resident's questions and concerns.

§ 71-3 Authority to enter premises.

If, in the judgment of the Fire Marshal, an emergency exists, as when a condition or hazard is an immediate peril to the public health and safety, or a serious and immediate danger to property, the Fire Marshal may enter any building or structure, during reasonable hours, to inspect and investigate.

Section Three. Severability.

If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or other portion of this Local Law is, for any reason, declared invalid, in whole or in part, by any court, agency, commission, legislative body or other authority of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate distinct and independent portion. Such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof, which other portions shall continue in full force and effect.

Section Four. Effective Date.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.