

BOROUGH OF JERMYN
ORDINANCE No. 2 2012

ORDINANCE REQUIRING A REFLECTIVE SYMBOL
ON STRUCTURES USING ENGINEERED LUMBER

By the powers granted to the Borough of Jermyn by The Borough Code, §1101 et seq., be it ENACTED and ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Jermyn, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ENACTED and ORDAINED by the authority of the Jermyn Borough Council as follows:

SECTION 1. POLICY

Pursuant to its authority under The Borough Code, §1202(5) to make regulations as may be necessary for the health, safety and general welfare of the Borough of Jermyn and its residents; pursuant to The Borough Code, §1203 to make and adopt all such ordinances as may be expedient or necessary for the proper management, care or control of the Borough of Jermyn and the maintenance of peace, good government, safety and welfare of the Borough of Jermyn and its citizens; pursuant to its authority under The Borough Code, §1202(3) and The Borough Code, §3321, to impose fines and penalties; and pursuant to its authority under The Borough Code, §1006(4) to repeal and enact such ordinances as it shall deem beneficial to the Borough of Jermyn and to provide for the enforcement of same, the Jermyn Borough Council enacts the within Ordinance.

WHEREAS, much new construction, both residential and commercial, consists of engineered lumber, in the form of prefabricated I-joists, truss joists, truss rafters and similar materials, and

WHEREAS, many types of engineered lumber burn at a rate faster than other types of lumber thereby creating, in many cases, unexpected problems for firefighters; and

WHEREAS, in fighting fires, time is of the essence in saving lives and property, and

WHEREAS, it is imperative for firefighters, and others, to know the type of materials used in the construction of a structure.

NOW THEREFORE be it ordained by the council of the Borough of Jermyn as follows:

SECTION II DEFINITIONS. As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

ENGINEERED LUMBER--prefabricated I-joists, truss rafters, and laminated beams and studs.

REFLECTIVE SYMBOL- An emblem made of reflective materials, in the shape and form designed by the, Fire Chief of the Borough of Jermyn, containing information identifying a structure as containing engineered lumber.

STRUCTURE-A combination of materials to form a construction for occupancy, used or ornamentation, whether installed on, above or below the surface of a parcel of land.

SECTION III

The Borough Building Inspector shall determine if a structure contains engineered lumber. All structures containing engineered lumber must have a reflective symbol affixed to an electrical meter serving the structure. The reflective symbol shall be applied by the Borough Building Inspector and shall be condition of the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.

SECTION IV The reflective symbol shall be in the form designed by the Fire Chief of the Borough of Jermyn and will contain lettering to identify the location of an engineered lumber in the structure. The reflective symbol shall be a 4" X 4" Maltese cross consist of the letters "LW" in the center fo r Lightweight. If the structure has lightweight floors, the letter "F" will appear in the left side of the cross. If the structure has a lightweight roof, the letter "R" will appear in the right side of the cross. Should the structure have both a lightweight floor and roof system, then both letters will be present.

SECTION V

This chapter shall apply to all structures, whether residential, commercial or otherwise, including structures existing at the time of the effective date of this ordinance.

SECTION VI

In addition to the placarding, all of the affected addresses are to be in a fire department's cad system.

SECTION VII

This chapter shall be enforced by the Building Inspector of the Borough of Jermyn.

SECTION VIII

Any person violating this ordinance by refusing to use the reflective symbol or by removing or tampering with the reflective symbol shall be subject to a fine in an amount of \$25.00 per violation. Each day that a violation continues shall be deemed to be a separate and distinct offense.

SECTION IX All ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed as to such inconsistencies only.

SECTION X

If any provision of this ordinance shall be found to be invalid, for any reason, by the final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such provision shall not effect the remaining provisions of this ordinance, which shall be severable there from.

SECTION XI This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED THIS

DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2012.

ATTEST:

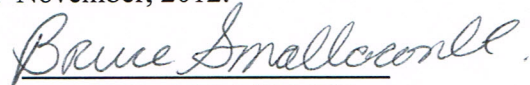
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BOROUGH MANAGER

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF JERMYN

BY: _____
KATHERINE HOSIE, President

EXAMINED AND APPROVED this

day of November, 2012.


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MAYOR