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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Health of the Township of Barnegat 7-13-77 as Ord. No. 1977-1. Amendments noted where applicable.]

Be it ordained by the Board of Health of the Township of Barnegat, in the County of Ocean and State of New Jersey:

§ 77-1. Purpose.

The purpose of this ordinance is to protect and preserve the public health, safety and general well-being of the citizens of the Township of Barnegat by requiring certain minimum sanitary standards in the operation of self-service laundries in the township.

§ 77-2. Definitions and word usage.

- A. As used in this ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

BOARD — The Board of Health of the Township of Barnegat.

ENFORCING OFFICIAL — The duly qualified individual approved by the Board of Health for the enforcement of this ordinance or such other qualified person or persons as the Board may appoint.

PERSON — Any individual, individuals, corporation, association, organization, firm or partnership, or any agent, employee or representative thereof.

SELF-SERVICE LAUNDRY — Includes a recognized place of business conducted for the purpose of washing, cleaning, drying and laundering clothes or other washable materials that may be brought to said establishment or place of business and wherein the work is done, in machines, coin-operated or otherwise, located on the premises, by the customers themselves or by or under the supervision of the owners or operators of said establishment or place of business for said customers, and shall include laundromats, washomats, dryomats and similar types of establishments under which laundering of the self-service type is carried on.

TIME — Standard time, as described in N.J.S.A. 1:1-2.3 or any amendment or supplement thereto.

- B. Throughout this ordinance the singular shall include the plural and the neuter shall include the masculine and feminine, and vice versa, unless the context of this ordinance indicates otherwise.

§ 77-3. Sanitation and maintenance requirements.

- A. The owner or operator shall maintain the entire premises devoted to the operation of any business regulated by this ordinance, and all machines used in connection therewith,

in a clean and sanitary condition. The floors shall be kept clean and dry. The premises shall be adequately ventilated and provided with sufficient natural or artificial light. The walls of such premises shall be coated with nonabsorbent paint, cement or other impervious material. All plumbing work shall at all times conform with the provisions of the Plumbing and Building Codes of the township and be kept in a sanitary condition and state of repair.

- B. The owner or operator shall be responsible for seeing that machines used for washing or laundering in laundries and laundrettes shall be thoroughly clean before any clothes or other materials are placed therein for cleaning. Separate hot-water facilities sufficient in size and capacity to deliver water to each machine at one hundred sixty degrees Fahrenheit (160° F.) at all times during the cleaning process shall be provided.
- C. All machines used in any laundry or laundrette shall be mounted and cushioned so as to prevent unreasonable noises and vibration to the detriment of the neighbors in the immediate vicinity of the premises.

§ 77-4. Safety requirements; hours of operation.

- A. In all laundries and laundrettes the owner or the operator thereof shall provide suitable first-aid fire protection in accordance with the standards for portable fire extinguishers (N.B.F.U. No. 10) and any other standards established by law. There shall be no spotting operations using flammable liquids, and no flammable liquids or solids of any kind shall be used or stored on the premises.
- B. After the close of each day's work, the owner or operator of a laundrette shall remove all lint and refuse from all traps, which lint and refuse shall be deposited in metal trash cans with covers and removed from the premises for disposal. At all other times trap covers shall be kept securely in place.
- C. Flammable liquids shall not be used for cleaning the floors of the premises. At all times when the premises are in

operation, there shall be an attendant present for the proper maintenance and supervision of the premises and machinery and for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the public.

- D. No laundry establishment shall begin operation before 6:00 a.m. or continue after 12:00 midnight, except that machines started before 12:00 midnight need not be stopped until the operation has been completed, but no machines shall be started for use at or after 12:00 midnight.
- E. No automatic self-service business of the type regulated by this ordinance shall be permitted to be open for business unless the area of the premises where the washing, drying, cleaning or dyeing is done shall be unobscured and clearly visible from the street to all enforcement agencies and patrolling police vehicles.
- F. The owner or operator of a laundrette establishment shall be responsible for maintaining good order among the patrons of such establishment and shall be responsible for any disorder which may be attributable to the lack of a supervising attendant or employee on the business area during the hours of operation.

§ 77-5. Abatement of nuisance.

- A. Where the Health Officer, or his duly authorized agent, or the Board finds that a laundry establishment is being operated or maintained in violation of the provisions of this ordinance or any other ordinance of the municipality so as to constitute a nuisance, the enforcing officer shall notify the owner or operator of said premises to abate the nuisance. Such notice shall be in writing and shall specify a time within which such nuisance shall be abated. If the owner or operator shall not comply with said notice within the time so specified, the Board may proceed to abate or remove the nuisance, the cost of which shall be recoverable by the Board of Health from the owner or operator of said establishment,

- B. Where the enforcing officer finds that the continued operation of such business, while a violation exists, constitutes a distinct and immediate hazard to the public health or safety, the enforcing officer is authorized to prohibit the owner of the premises or the operator of the establishment, or both, from operating or permitting the operation of such business until such time as the violation is corrected and the nuisance is abated.

§ 77-6. License requirements.

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any self-service laundry in the Township of Barnegat without having obtained an annual license from the Board of Health. The application for such licenses shall be on forms provided by the Board.
- B. The annual license fee for the full year or any portion thereof shall be at the rate of thirty-five dollars (\$35.). All licenses shall expire on December 31 of the year in which they were issued. [Amended 6-3-81 by Ord. No. 198/-31
- C. Any license granted hereunder may be suspended, or revoked at any time by the Board upon conviction of the holder thereof of a violation of any provisions of this ordinance.

§ 77-7. Violations and penalties.

- A. Any person violating or failing to comply with any provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a fine of not less than five dollars (\$5.) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.) for each offense.
- B. Each violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance, and each day the same is violated, shall be deemed and taken to be a separate and distinct offense.

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§ 77-8. Severability.

If any section, clause, sentence or provision of this ordinance shall be found to be invalid, the remaining portions shall not be affected thereby.

§ 77-9. Repealer.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances of the Board inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

§ 77-10. When effective.

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