

Chapter 324, RAILROADS

[HISTORY: Adopted by the City Council of the City of Binghamton as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]

ARTICLE I, Notice of Derailments [Adopted 2-6-1989 by L.L. No. 3-1989 (Sub-Part LXVIII of the 1970 Code)]

§ 324-1. Purpose and intent.

Recent derailments within the corporate boundaries of the City of Binghamton have been marked by the failure of the affected rail line to notify the City of Binghamton Bureaus of Fire and Police. These derailments have involved trains carrying toxic and/or combustible materials. The rail lines' failure to notify the City has slowed the City's response time and presents a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City of Binghamton. This threat to the residents of the City of Binghamton requires that legislation be adopted to mandate rail lines to notify the City of Binghamton of all derailments within the corporate boundaries of the City.

§ 324-2. Notice required.

Rail lines passing through the City of Binghamton shall notify the City of Binghamton Bureau of Police and Bureau of Fire of any derailment involving said rail line within the corporate boundary of the City of Binghamton no later than 15 minutes after said derailment.

§ 324-3. Violation a misdemeanor.

Any person(s) violating any of the provisions of this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a sentence of imprisonment not to exceed six months or a fine not to exceed \$1,000, or both.