

**LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP
SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE 2021-06

**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING OVERNIGHT PARKING IN
MUNICIPAL PARKING LOTS WITHOUT A PERMIT**

WHEREAS, the Township is the owner of a number of municipal parking lots (the “Municipal Lots”), the location of which are set forth on SCHEDULE A attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Township has undertaken the task of improving the Municipal Lots and providing all maintenance with respect to their upkeep; and

WHEREAS, the Township has experienced difficulty in maintaining the Municipal Lots, in particular in regard to snowplowing services, due to the parking of vehicles overnight and/or for extended periods of time; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the residents of the Township that overnight parking in the Municipal Lots be controlled by the issuance of permits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, Sussex County, New Jersey:

- Section 1. **Definition of Overnight Parking.** The parking of a motor vehicle in any Municipal Lot from seven o’clock p.m. (7:00pm) to six o’clock a.m. (6:00am) of the following date (a “period”), without having a current, in force permit issued by the Township.
- Section 2. **No Overnight Parking.** This Ordinance hereby prohibits parking in all Municipal Lots located within the Township and generally identified on SCHEDULE A attached hereto.
- Section 3. **Permits.** The exception to overnight parking in the Municipal Lots shall be granted to those owners of duly licensed passenger cars and light trucks that exhibit a valid Permit issued by the Township.
- Section 4. **No Commercial Vehicles.** No permits for overnight parking shall be issued to commercial vehicles, unless a passenger car or light truck utilized by the owner both for business and pleasure use.
- Section 5. **Enforcement.** Enforcement of this Ordinance shall be by the Township Zoning Officer or such other municipal official as the Township may, from time to time, designate.
- Section 6. **Violations and Penalties.** In the event a vehicle that does not display a valid permit permitting overnight parking in a Municipal Lot, the violator shall be subject to the following:
- (1) For the first offense, a minimum fine of fifty (\$50) dollars.
 - (2) If a violation occurs for three (3) consecutive periods, the Township has the authority to have the offending vehicle towed at the owner’s expense.
 - (3) In addition to fines provided for in subparagraph (1) above, the Municipal Court may impose an additional fine for each day the violation is not cured, commencing on the Court date. The fine shall be in the amount of one Hundred (\$100) per day for each violation.

Section 7. **Severability.** All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances inconsistent with any part of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are in such conflict or inconsistent. If any section, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid by any court, such decision shall not invalidate any remaining portion of this Ordinance.

Section 8. **Codification.** This Ordinance may be renumbered for codification purposes.

Section 9. **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as soon as practicable and in the manner provided by law.

CERTIFICATION

The above entitled Ordinance was introduced and passed at first reading by the Lafayette Township Committee at a meeting on March 2, 2021 and after publication and a public hearing was finally adopted by the Lafayette Township Committee at a meeting held on March 16, 2021.

Mayor:

Municipal Clerk:

SCHEDULE A
Municipal Parking Lots

Block 7, Lot 16	115 Route 15
Block 7, Lot 18	111 Route 15
Block 8, Lot 1	101 Route 15