

**LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP
SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE 2024-26

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4 ENTITLED “GENERAL LICENSING”, OF
THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE,
NEW JERSEY, SPECIFICALLY REPEALING AND REPLACING SECTIONS 4-1.13,
“SEASONAL OR REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS” AND 4-1.16 “DEFINITIONS”**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette in the County of Sussex has determined that there has been an increase in outdoor gatherings, particularly commercial public gatherings, within the Township, with several venues hosting various different events that are unique and not substantially similar to be characterized as a seasonal or regularly scheduled event per Section 4-1.13 and requires independent Section 4-1.5 scrutiny by the Township Code Enforcement Officer, Lafayette Township Fire Official, Sussex County Division of Health and/or the Lafayette Township Board of Health; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette in the County of Sussex has determined that there is a need to provide further detail to the definitions governing the licensing of outdoor public and private gatherings, and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette in the County of Sussex finds it advisable and necessary to amend and supplement the existing Ordinance regulating the licensing of outdoor gatherings in the Township in the interest of promoting health, safety and welfare of the citizens.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, Chapter 4 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Lafayette, being “GENERAL LICENSING”, specifically the section addressing “Seasonal or Regularly Scheduled Event”, 4-1.13 and “Definitions” 4-1.16 shall be repealed in their entirety and be hereby replaced as follows:

4-1.13 SEASONAL OR REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENT

If a public gathering is one which is scheduled to occur repeatedly on a regular interval in a substantially similar manner with substantially similar activities conducted in specific locations on the premises and has been the subject to an application submission per Section 4-1.4, payment of the applicable fee per Section 4-1.7 and Section 4-1.5 scrutiny by the Township Code Enforcement Officer, Lafayette Township Fire Official, Sussex County Division of Health and/or the Lafayette Township Board of Health as may be required, one single annual license can cover the gatherings except for the presence of any food trucks.

In order for an annual license to be issued covering a calendar year under this provision, the licensees’ gathering may not deviate from the information provided in the license application for each date such a public gathering is held. Any major changes in the activity from what was specified in the original application will necessitate a reapplication to be instituted by the applicant as an annual license is not a blanket permit to conduct multiple dissimilar gatherings at the premises.

4-1.16 DEFINITIONS

As used in this section:

CODE OFFICER - Shall mean the Code Enforcement Officer for the Township of Lafayette.

GOVERNING BODY - Shall mean the Lafayette Township Committee.

OUT-OF-DOORS - Shall mean in addition to its usual and customary meaning, any event conducted in a structure erected for the purpose of the event including a tent.

PUBLIC AND CERTAIN PRIVATE GATHERING - Shall mean an event that would result in a gathering of persons out-of-doors, within the Township, whether or not public or private, such as, but not limited to, fairs, festivals, concerts, conventions, exhibitions, farmers markets, block parties, outdoor weddings, and political gatherings, but not community celebrations.

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, Sussex County, New Jersey held on November 6, 2024 and will be considered for final passage after public hearing at a regular meeting of the Township Committee to be held on December 3, 2024 at 7:00pm in the Municipal Building, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, New Jersey.

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Municipal Clerk