LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP
SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE 2026-13

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 3 ENTITLED "POLICE REGULATIONS", OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAFAYETTE, NEW JERSEY, SPECIFICALLY ADDING SECTION 3-14, "RESIDENTIAL PARKING REGULATIONS "

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette in the County of Sussex has seen a rise in excessive parking of motor vehicles, both operable and inoperable, in residential areas within the Township of Lafayette, and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette in the County of Sussex recently reviewed the Police Regulations in Chapter 3 and specifically Section 3-3 entitled Junk Motor Vehicles and determined that the section was decades old and was in need of updating to include more current verbiage and otherwise in need of more defined enforcement and penalty language including revising the fines that would apply to violations of the Ordinance, and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette in the County of Sussex adopted Ordinance 2025-21 on November 18, 2025 to control the unsightly presence of unlicensed, inoperable, junk and abandoned vehicles in the Township, and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette in the County of Sussex now recognizes that the unsightly and potential hazardous presence of unlimited vehicles being disorderly parked at residential properties is also an issue that is in need of regulation in Lafayette Township, and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette recognize municipalities throughout the State of New Jersey often controlled excessive parking of vehicles at residential lots by imposing parking prohibitions on lawns or other unpaved surfaces of residential lots, and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette further recognize that excessive parking of vehicles on a residential lot present safety concerns, including but not limited to, potentially impacting circulation of emergency vehicles at a residential lot, and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette further recognizes the need to protect the public health, safety and welfare by establishing minimum requirements, standards and responsibilities that owners, operators and occupants should follow; regulating the occupancy of existing structures and premises, and providing for administration, enforcement and penalties,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette, Chapter 3 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Lafayette, being "POLICE REGULATIONS", shall be supplemented to add Section 3-14 Residential Parking Regulations as follows:

Section 1. 3-14 RESIDENTIAL PARKING REGULATIONS

3-14.1 Prohibited parking. In a residential district, no automobile or any other motor vehicle of any nature permitted in residential zones shall be parked or left standing on residential premises unless it shall be parked within a garage or other lawful structure or left standing on a driveway. No parking shall be permitted on a regular basis on lawns or other unpaved areas on residential lots, with the exception of approved gravel parking areas.

3-14.2 Exception. Parking and Storage of Recreational Vehicles and Trailers as an Accessory Use to a Single-Family Dwelling Unit as permitting by Ord. 13-6.13.

3-14.3 Enforcing Officer

This Chapter shall be administered and enforced by the Township Zoning Officer, other Township Code Officer, or any Law Enforcement Agency having jurisdiction to operate in the Township of Lafayette.

3-14.3 Violations and penalties

Any person who violates any provision of this chapter shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine not exceeding $500 per motor vehicle or imprisonment not exceeding 90 days, or both, at the discretion of the Municipal Judge. Each day that a violation shall continue following conviction shall be deemed a separate offence.

SECTION 2. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such provision(s) shall be deemed severable, and the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect after publication and passage according to law.

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 July 7, 2026 and will be considered for final passage after public hearing at a regular meeting of the Township Committee to be held on August 4, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Municipal Building, 33 Morris Farm Road, Lafayette, NJ.

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Municipal Clerk