

Conference Meeting – March 11, 2025

The Conference meeting began at 6:33 p.m., the Municipal Clerk read the following statement:

This is to inform the general public that this meeting is being held in compliance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Public Law 1975. The notice for this meeting was emailed to the Star Ledger and the West Orange Chronicle on January 7, 2025 and published in the West Orange Chronicle on January 16, 2025.

Roll Call – Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman Ghebremicael, Councilwoman Rudin
Councilwoman Scarpa, Council President Krakoviak

- Presentation: “Aging Well West Orange” Campaign – Olive Ross- Department of Senior Services
- Proclamation: Diversity Art Gallery – Roosevelt Middle School Students

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Meeting March 11, 2025

The Public meeting began at 7:13 p.m., the Municipal Clerk read the following statement:

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Roll Call – Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman Ghebremicael, Councilwoman Rudin
Councilwoman Scarpa, Council President Krakoviak

Public Comment

Joe Fagan-Public Information Officer

Anthony Puglisi – Public Information Officer-Essex County

Jay Wecht – Roosevelt Middle School-English Language Arts Teacher-Art Gallery

Robert Ivker – Vice President, West Orange Board of Education- Leaf Blower Ord.

Brent D. Scott – Nestro Road – Zoning Board

Seith Weisleder – Howell Drive – Leaf Blower Ord./Referendum

Richard Leonardis – Pleasant Valley Way – Leaf Blower Ord.

Joe Vena – Stone Drive – Leaf Blower Ord./Referendum

Joe Pannullo – Essex Fells – West Essex Highlands

Gustavo Pereira – Terrace Ave. - Leaf Blower Ord./Referendum

Steve Rathe – Undercliff Terr. – Leaf Blower Ord.

Pamela Beardsley – Edisonia Terr. – Upkeep of Lafayette Park

Tammy Williams – Buckingham Rd. – Upkeep of Lafayette Park/Leaf Blower Ord./Referendum

John Blanton – Forest Hill Road – Leaf Blower Ord.-Lafayette Park-Zoom

Leonard Mitiello – E. McClellan Ave., Livingston, NJ – Leaf Blower Ord.

There was no one else who wished to be heard, and the public comment portion of the agenda was closed.

Bill List

A motion was made by Councilwoman Rudin and seconded by Council President Krakoviak, the following non-escrow items were removed from the Bill list:

Diana Powell McGovern

All members present voting "Aye."

Ordinance(s) on Second and Final Reading

Ord. 2891-25

An Ordinance Amending And Supplementing Chapter 2, Subsection 61, Pedestrian Safety Advisory Board Of The Revised General Ordinances Of The Township Of West Orange Establishing A Complete And Green Streets Advisory Committee And Creating A Complete And Green Streets Policy was taken up on second and final reading.

All members present voting "Aye."

WHEREAS, safe, convenient, accessible, equitable, healthy, and environmentally and economically beneficial transportation for all users is a priority of the **Township of West Orange** and

WHEREAS, Complete and Green Streets is a means to provide a comprehensive, integrated, connected multi-modal network of transportation options through planning, design, construction, maintenance, and operation of new and retrofit transportation facilities along the entire right-of-way for all roadway users of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, The **Township of West Orange** established a Complete Streets Policy by adopting Resolution No. 13-02 executed by Planning Board Secretary on the 9th day of July 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wishes to amend and add to its Complete Streets policy with a new Complete and Green Streets Policy to allow for safe, accessible, and convenient travel, reducing serious injuries and fatalities for all users of the roadway; and

WHEREAS, "all users" include motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, public transportation vehicles and their passengers, delivery trucks and movers of commercial goods, persons with disabilities, older adults, and residents of Priority Communities; and

WHEREAS, Complete and Green Streets allows for multiple modes of travel, aside from personal automobiles, so that those who are unable to drive, who cannot afford a car, or choose to reduce their car usage may travel by transit, by bicycle, or on foot safely; and

WHEREAS, Complete and Green Street policies support the goals of the **Township of West Orange** master plan and supporting elements; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey is federally designated as a Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Focus State due to high numbers of pedestrian/bicycle-involved fatalities, and New Jersey's pedestrian fatality rate continues to significantly exceed the national average; and

WHEREAS, traffic crashes are preventable and the only acceptable number of traffic deaths for the **Township of West Orange** is zero; and

WHEREAS, Complete Streets that incorporate sustainable Green Streets design elements, such as green stormwater infrastructure, traffic calming treatments, shade trees, and the use of recycled materials, protect and create a healthier natural and social environment, improve air and water quality, and reduce localized flooding; and

WHEREAS, Complete and Green Streets implementation enhances access to local businesses, encourages reinvestment, increases property values and employment, and stimulates private investment, especially in retail districts, downtowns, and tourist areas; and

- c. Economic: Stimulate economic prosperity.
 - d. Health: Increase physical activity and social connectivity with the goal of lowering the risk of obesity, reducing chronic disease and promoting wellness.
 - e. Equity: Implement policies and distribute funding and other resources equitably and responsibly in all neighborhoods, particularly in Priority Communities; improve non-motor vehicle transportation systems.
2. This section shall apply to all public and/or private transportation projects, including those using funds awarded by federal, state, regional, county, municipal, or any other public agency. This shall include new construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, restoration, repaving, rehabilitation, private development projects, and maintenance of highways, roads, and streets.
 3. The **Mayor**, and the **Municipal Engineer and Planner** shall routinely work in coordination with each other and adjacent jurisdictions, and any relevant advisory committees/teams, to implement Complete and Green Streets and to ensure consistency with the **Municipal Master Plan and Elements** and any other existing Pedestrian/Bicycle/Multimodal Plans, Stormwater Management Plans, Pollution Prevention Plans, and Historic Preservation Plans.
 4. Within two years of the effective date of this Policy, the **Council** shall inventory and audit procedures, policies, plans, documents, training programs, performance measures and other guidance documents to be consistent with this policy. The purpose of this audit is to identify areas where tenets of this policy will need to be incorporated. This includes, but is not limited to, funding, planning, designing, operating, and maintaining transportation infrastructure. The **Council** will use this audit to incorporate this policy as updates to its procedures, plans, policies, etc. as they are scheduled.
 5. Transportation projects and Master and Capital Plans shall include, when appropriate, sustainable design elements, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Green stormwater infrastructure practices
 - b. Traffic calming
 - c. Shade trees and other vegetation
 - d. Rain gardens
 - e. Bioswales
 - f. Permeable pavements — including those made from recycled materials such as rubber, concrete, glass, and plastic.
 6. Transportation projects and Master and Capital Plans shall include, where appropriate, pedestrian and bicycle design elements and transit amenities, including but not limited to: curb extensions, sidewalks, radar feedback signs, pedestrian countdown signals, pedestrian refuge islands, road diets, lane width reductions, chicanes, roundabouts, bike lanes, protected bike lanes, bike parking, lighting, wayfinding, seating, trash receptacles, transit amenities, etc.
 7. The **Council** shall utilize the most current editions of guides, manuals, and best practices on street design, historic preservation, construction, operations, and maintenance that apply to bicycle, pedestrian, transit, stormwater and highway facilities. All manuals, standards, and guidelines shall be made publicly available online.
 8. The **Mayor** shall lead the implementation of this Policy and formally coordinate with the **Director of Planning, Municipal Engineer, Economic Development Commission, Downtown West Orange Alliance, Public Works, Director of Health, etc.** with advice and input from **Planning Board, Zoning Board, Pedestrian Safety Advisory Board, Land Use Committee, Environmental Commission, etc.** to set benchmarks to ensure the successful implementation of the Complete and Green Streets Policy including in Priority Communities consistent with Environmental Justice principals.

3. Other Indicators of Underserved and Adversely Impacted Populations:

- a. Female Head of Household with Children
- b. Persons with Limited English Proficiency
- c. Carless Households
- d. Elderly Populations/Children
- e. Persons with Disabilities
- f. Hispanic Populations
- g. Other Ethnic Minorities
- h. Families in Poverty with Children

Traffic Calming: The combination of mainly physical measures that reduce the negative effects of motor vehicle use, alter driver behavior, and improve conditions for non-motorized street users. Traffic calming objectives include:

1. Achieving slow speeds for motor vehicles
2. Reducing collision frequency and severity
3. Increasing the safety and the perception of safety for non-motorized users of the street(s)
4. Reducing the need for police enforcement
5. Enhancing the street environment (e.g., streetscaping)
6. Encouraging water infiltration into the ground using Green Street stormwater infrastructure practices
7. Increasing access for all modes of transportation, and reducing cut-through motor vehicle traffic

Transit Amenities: Include seating, shelter and shade, wayfinding signage, trash and recycling cans, lighting, route information, bike infrastructure (lockers, racks, fix-it stations, depots, bikeshare, etc.).

Transportation Facility: A facility consisting of the means and equipment necessary for the movement of people or goods; any road, bridge, tunnel, overpass, ferry, airport, mass transit facility, vehicle parking facility, port facility or similar commercial facility used for the transportation of persons or goods together with any buildings, structures, parking areas, appurtenances, and other property needed to operate such facility; however, a commercial or retail use or enterprise not essential to the transportation of people or goods shall not be considered a transportation facility.

Transportation Project: Any public and/or private land development, project, program, or practice that affects the transportation network or occurs in the public right-of-way, including any construction, reconstruction, retrofit, signalization operations, resurfacing, restriping, rehabilitation, maintenance (excluding routine maintenance that does not change the roadway geometry or operations, such as mowing, sweeping, and spot repair), operations, alteration, and repair of any public street or roadway within a jurisdiction (including alleys, bridges, frontage roads, and other elements of the transportation system).

Public Participation

1. The **Mayor** shall establish a Complete and Green Streets Advisory Committee to help the **Township of West Orange** comply with the Complete and Green Streets Ordinance and to provide ongoing feedback to the **Municipality** related to the implementation of the Complete and Green Streets Ordinance. The Complete and Green Streets Advisory Committee shall consist of a broad group of stakeholders including:
 - a. **Municipal** Elected Officials
 - b. Law Enforcement

- b. The exception is approved **in writing** by the **Council**, and the written approval is made publicly available.

Program Reporting

1. The **Land Use Board for Planning and Zoning** shall establish benchmarks reflecting the ability of all users to travel safely and conveniently along highways, roads and streets.
2. Each such **Land Use Board for Planning and Zoning** shall also develop plans and set benchmarks to ensure the successful implementation of the Complete and Green Streets policy in Priority Communities consistent with Environmental Justice principals. On or before of each **end of the fiscal year** each such agency shall prepare an initial report to identify barriers, and propose solutions to successful implementation of the Complete and Green Streets policy including in Priority Communities.
3. Each such **Land Use Board for Planning and Zoning** shall assign appropriate responsibility to collect and monitor data under municipal jurisdiction, including in Priority Communities, to determine compliance with the **Township's** benchmarks. Benchmarks shall include but are not limited to:
 - a. Mileage of new and existing bicycle infrastructure, including in Priority Communities (e.g., bicycle lanes, bike parking, paths, and boulevards)
 - b. Linear feet (or mileage) of new and existing pedestrian infrastructure (e.g., sidewalks, trails, transit amenities)
 - c. Number of new and existing ADA-compliant infrastructure (e.g., curb ramps, pedestrian buttons)
 - d. Number of new and existing street trees
 - e. Number of green street practices (e.g., rain gardens, bioswales, permeable pavement)
 - f. Number of new and existing pedestrian and bicycle lighting improvements
 - g. Bicycle and pedestrian counts
 - h. Commute mode percentages (e.g., drive alone, carpool, transit, bicycle, walk)
 - i. The number and percentage of designated transit stops accessible via sidewalks and curb ramps
 - j. The number, locations, and causes of collisions, injuries, and fatalities by each mode of transportation
 - k. The percentage of children walking or bicycling to school
4. All benchmarks established by the **Township of West Orange** shall be disaggregated by race/ethnicity, neighborhood, and vehicle ownership when feasible.
5. Each such **Land Use Board for Planning and Zoning** shall provide a report on an annual basis to the **Council** to allow them to evaluate implementation of the Complete Street policy. Each annual report shall include the data collected pursuant to Program Reporting, as well as a list of ongoing and completed transportation projects during that fiscal year. If any exceptions are applied to transportation projects pursuant to Exceptions to Complete and Green Streets Requirements herein, such projects and the relevant exceptions should be identified in the annual report. All benchmarks and reports shall be made publicly available online.

Adoption of Complete and Green Streets Checklists

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Ordinance be published in the West Orange Chronicle within ten (10) days of its approval as required by State Statute.

The Council President stated that this is the scheduled time for the public hearing and asked the Clerk to read the ordinance by title only.

The Council President asked if there was anyone who wished to be heard.

There was no one that wished to be heard and the public hearing on this Ordinance was closed.

This ordinance was approved by voice vote on February 28, 2028 by a 4-1 vote.

Councilwoman Casalino, Councilwoman Ghebremicael, Councilwoman Scarpa and Council President Krakoviak voting "Aye." Councilwoman Rudin voting "Nay."

Ord. 2896-25

On motion made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, **An Ordinance Amending And Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsection 7-32.2 Restricted Parking Zones Of The Revised General Ordinances Of The Township Of West Orange** was taken up on second and final reading.

All members present voting "Aye."

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Orange, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. Subsections 7-32.2, Restricted Parking Zones of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange is hereby supplemented and amended as follows (*italic type denotes deletion, bold type denotes addition*):

7-32.2 Restricted Parking Zones. Pursuant to N.J.S.A 39:4-197.6, Restricted Parking Zones, as defined in N.J.S.A. 39:4-207.6e, are established in front of the following residences as indicated on the Tax Maps of the Township of West Orange, at the specified locations. Parking within a specific zone is restricted to the motor vehicle issued a permit pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-197.7. In accordance with N.J.S.A., 39:4-197.6 parking is permitted in the Restricted Parking Zone except when prohibited in front of the residence by other sections of this Chapter.

Residence Address	No. of Spaces	Location
21 Lafayette Street (Ord. 2826-23)	1	Beginning 217 feet south of the southerly curb line of Cary Street and extending 19 feet south.
5 Glennon Place westerly (Ord. 2809-23)	1	Beginning 82 feet west of the Curb line of Sayers Place and extending

All members present voting "Aye."

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Orange, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. Subsection 7-23.1, Turn Prohibitions, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange is hereby supplemented and amended as follows: (*italic type denotes deletion, bold type denotes addition*):

Intersection	Turn Prohibited	Hours/ Days	Movement Prohibited
Glenview Drive and Drive Northfield Avenue	Left	All	Southbound on Glenview to Eastbound on Northfield Avenue

Section 2. If any provisions of this Ordinance or application thereof, under any circumstances, is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect any of the provisions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the valid provision(s) or application and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

Section 3. All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with law and approved by the County of Essex, Board of Chosen Freeholders.

The Council President stated that this is the scheduled time for the public hearing and asked the Clerk to read the ordinance by title only.

The Council President asked if there was anyone who wished to be heard.

There was no one that wished to be heard and the public hearing on this Ordinance was closed.

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, the above referenced ordinance was adopted.

All members present voting "Aye."

Ord. 2898-25

The Council President stated that this is the scheduled time for the public hearing and asked the Clerk to read the ordinance by title only.

The Council President asked if there was anyone who wished to be heard.

There was no one that wished to be heard and the public hearing on this Ordinance was closed.

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Ghebremicael, the above referenced ordinance was adopted.

All members present voting "Aye."

Ord. 2899-25

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Ghebremicael, **An Ordinance Amending And Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsections 7-20 Stop Intersections, 7-21, Multi-Way Stops, And 7-21.1 Multi-Way Stops Near Schools, Playgrounds And Youth Recreational Facilities Of The Revised General Ordinances Of The Township Of West Orange** was taken up on second and final reading.

All members present voting "Aye."

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Orange, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. Subsection 7-20, Stop Intersections, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange is hereby supplemented and amended as follows pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39: 4-8 (*italic type denotes deletion, bold type denotes addition*):

<u>Intersection:</u>	<u>Stop Sign(s) On:</u>
<i>Lowell Avenue, Mountain Way, and Luddington</i>	<i>Luddington Road</i>
<i>Road T-End Type Intersection</i>	
Cullen Drive and Carlson Road	Cullen Drive
Nottingham Road and Devonshire Drive	Nottingham Road
Cheshire Terrace and Nottingham Road	Cheshire Terrace
Westminster Terrace and Nottingham Road	Westminster Terrace
Nottingham Road and Normandy Terrace	Nottingham Road
Manchester Road and Westminster Terrace	Manchester Road
Normandy Terrace and Manchester Road	Normandy Terrace
Lancaster Terrace and Manchester Road	Lancaster Terrace
Brook Place and Mt. Pleasant Place	Brook Place
Gilbert Place and Bradford Avenue	Gilbert Place
Vosseler Court and Vosseler Terrace	Vosseler Court
Devon Drive and Mountain Way (2 sides)	Devon Drive (north and south)

Section 7. Unless another penalty is expressly provided by New Jersey Statute, every person convicted of a violation of any provision of this Ordinance or any supplement thereto shall be liable to the penalty of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) or imprisonment for a term not to exceed fifteen (15) days or both, as per W.O.R.G.O. Chapter 7-4.2

The Council President stated that this is the scheduled time for the public hearing and asked the Clerk to read the ordinance by title only.

The Council President asked if there was anyone who wished to be heard.

There was no one that wished to be heard and the public hearing on this Ordinance was closed.

On motion made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Councilwoman Casalino, the above referenced ordinance was adopted.

All members present voting "Aye."

Ord. 2900-25

On motion made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, **Ordinance Amending Chapter 28 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange (Transition to Battery or Electric Leaf Blowers)** was taken up on second and final reading.

Councilwoman Ghebremicael, Councilwoman Rudin, Councilwoman Scarpa and Council President Krakoviak voting "Aye." Councilwoman Casalino voting "Nay."

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY, that Chapter 28 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange be and is hereby amended as follows:

I. PURPOSE

This purpose of this Ordinance is to limit the use of gas-powered leaf blowers seasonally within the Township of West Orange *and then fully by January 1, 2026*, and to promote a transition to the exclusive use of electric and battery-operated blowers on all properties within the Township whether privately or Township-owned.

ARTICLE II: USAGE OF LEAF BLOWERS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE

§ 28-12—DEFINITIONS

Air Quality Action Day: An air quality action day is called when the ozone and/or particulate matter forecasts reach an Air Quality Index (AQI) of orange (unhealthy for sensitive groups), red (unhealthy), or maroon (very unhealthy).

Electric-Powered Leaf Blower: A device powered by a battery or plug-in electricity, used in yard maintenance.

Gas-Powered Leaf Blower: A device powered by a two or four stroke engine using gasoline or a gasoline-oil mixture, primarily used for blowing grass clippings, debris, leaves, and dirt in yard and lawn maintenance.

- Third Violation: \$500 fine issued to both homeowner and landscaping company

After three violations by the same landscaping company, that company shall be suspended from working in West Orange for one year. Each violation shall be considered a separate offense.

§ 28-16—LAWN CARE REGISTRY

To ensure compliance with this ordinance, all lawn care businesses operating within the Township must be registered with the Township. A list of authorized businesses will be posted on the Township's website. This registry will be formalized by resolution.

II. SEVERABILITY

If any part of this Ordinance is found to be invalid, the judgment will apply only to that specific section, paragraph, subparagraph, clause, or provision, and the remainder of the Ordinance will remain valid and in effect.

III. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this chapter are hereby repealed.

IV. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication, as provided by law.

The Council President stated that this is the scheduled time for the public hearing and asked the Clerk to read the ordinance by title only.

The Council President asked if there was anyone who wished to be heard.

Daria Paxton – Greenwood Avenue
 Jessica Stolzberg – Montclair, NJ
 Zasah Khademi – Dawes Avenue
 Joe Vena – Stone Drive
 James Letore – Acting Superintendent – W.O. Parks, Recreation & Grounds

There was no one else that wished to be heard and the public hearing on this Ordinance was closed.

On motion made by Councilwoman Rudin and seconded by Councilwoman Ghebremicael, the above referenced ordinance was adopted.

Councilwoman Ghebremicael, Councilwoman Rudin, Councilwoman Scarpa and Council President Krakoviak voting "Aye." Councilwoman Casalino voting "Nay."

Ord. 2901-25

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, **An Ordinance Amending And Supplementing Chapter 4-6, Drug-Free School Zones, Subsection 4-6.2, Adoption Of Directive And Schematic Maps Of The Revised General Ordinances Of The Township Of West Orange** was taken up on second and final reading.

All members present voting "Aye."

Special event security/crowd control assignments are defined as assignments not worked on a regular/steady basis.

4. Traffic/Road Construction. Assignments for all traffic control at construction site assignments shall be as follows:

(a) Assignments between 12:00 a.m. on Monday and 11:59 p.m. on Friday shall be paid at a rate as prescribed by Resolution. This rate includes an administrative fee prescribed by the same Resolution.

(b) Assignments between 12:00 a.m. on Saturday and 11:59 p.m. on Sunday shall be paid at a rate as prescribed by Resolution. This rate includes an administrative fee prescribed by the same Resolution.

(c) All road construction assignments that require the use of a marked patrol unit shall be charged additionally, as prescribed by Resolution. This is in addition to the administrative fees already billed. The assignment of the vehicle will be determined by the Police Administration and availability of the vehicles at the time of the request.

(d) All emergency road work assignments which are received by the Township on less than 24 hours' notice shall require a separate fee paid at a rate as prescribed by Resolution. This rate includes an administrative fee prescribed by the same Resolution.

b. All assignments shall have a four-hour minimum per officer contracted.

c. Officers are entitled to the minimum hours of compensation stipulated in subsection 4-34.3b if their assignment is cancelled upon their arrival at the job site without advance notice stipulated in subsection 4-34.4c.

d. Officers who begin an assignment, but who are cancelled prior to the completion of the assignment shall be entitled to the minimum compensation stipulated in subsection 4-34.3b or the number of hours worked, whichever is longer.

III. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

Any Ordinances of the Township which are in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

IV. SEVERABILITY

If any part of this Ordinance shall be deemed invalid, such parts shall be severed and the invalidity thereof shall not affect the remaining parts of this Ordinance.

V. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

Ord. 2903-25

On motion made by Councilwoman Casalino and seconded by Council President Krakowiak, **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10, Sections 2 And 11 Of The Revised General Ordinances Of The Township Of West Orange Regarding Additional Requirements For Dog And Cat Licensing For Multi-Family Homes And Veterinarians** was **DEFEATED** on first reading.

All members present voting "Aye."

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY that Chapter 10, Section 2 *et seq.* and Section 11 *et seq.* of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange be and are hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

the Municipal Judge; or any dog which, for good cause shown at the hearing pursuant to subsection § 10-6.2, is declared to be vicious by the Judge of the Municipal Court.

§ 10-2.2. Application for License.

Each application for a license under this chapter shall provide the following information:

- a. A general description of the dog sought to be licensed, including name, breed, sex, age, color and markings, and whether such dog is altered with documentation indicating that such dog is spayed and/or neutered, and whether such dog is of a long or short haired variety.
- b. Name, street and post office address of the owner or keeper of such dog.
- c. Telephone number and e-mail address of the owner or keeper of such dog.
- d. Evidence of inoculation with rabies vaccine showing a validation date effective through October 31st of the current year or certificate of exemption. The owner or keeper shall provide evidence that the dog to be licensed and registered has been inoculated with a rabies vaccine of a type approved by and administered in accordance with the recommendations of the United States Department of Human Services or has been certified exempt. The rabies inoculation shall be administered by a duly licensed veterinarian, or by such other veterinarian permitted by law to do the same.

Registration numbers shall be issued in the order in which applications are received.

§ 10-2.3. Application for License and Renewal, When Made.

The application for a license shall be made within 10 days of the day upon which the dog first becomes subject to the provisions of this section. Applications for license renewal and registration tags for dogs which are required to be licensed by the provisions of subsection § 10-2.1 shall be made before February 1 of each calendar year.

§ 10-2.4. License Record.

The information on all applications under this chapter and the registration number issued to each licensed dog shall be preserved for a period of three years by the Health Department. In addition, it shall forward similar information to the State Department of Health each month on forms furnished by the Department.

§10-2.5. Fees.

The following fees are applicable to dog license and dog registration fee applications:

- a. The person applying for a license shall pay a fee in an amount prescribed by Resolution. These same fees shall apply and be charged with the annual renewal of each license and registration fee.
- b. In addition, a late fee in an amount prescribed by Resolution will be charged to any person who submits an application on or after March 1 of any calendar year for a renewal of a license for a dog required to be licensed under subsection § 10-2.1a. Such fee shall be charged to each late application submitted.
- c. The fee for a potentially dangerous dog license shall be set forth by Resolution in accordance with N.J.S.A. 4:19-31.

§ 10-2.6. Requirements for Veterinarians and Home Owners

- a. All property owners shall be required to ensure that all tenants and/or other occupants in their residence with a dog have a valid, up to date dog license from the Township of West Orange.

a. **Vaccination and License Requirements.** No person shall own, keep, harbor, or maintain any cat over seven months of age within the Township unless such cat is vaccinated and licensed. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to cats held in a cattery, or those held by a State or Federal licensed research facility, or a veterinary establishment where cats are received or kept for diagnostic, medical, surgical, or other treatments, or licensed animal shelters, pounds, kennels, or pet shops.

b. **Vaccination.** All cats shall be vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian in accordance with the latest "Compendium of Animal Rabies Vaccines and Recommendations of Immunization" published by the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians, except as provided for in paragraph d.

c. **Vaccination Certificate.** A certificate of vaccination shall be issued to the owner of each animal vaccinated on a form recommended by the State.

d. **Exemptions.** Any cat may be exempted from the requirements of such vaccination for a specified period of time by the Health Department, upon presentation of a veterinarian's certificate stating that because of an infirmity or other physical condition, or regimen of therapy, the inoculation of such cat shall be deemed inadvisable.

§ 10-11.3. Licensing Requirements

a. **Display of License Number Required.** Any person who shall own, keep, or harbor a cat of licensing age shall annually apply for and procure from the Health Department a license and official registration tag with license number, or a registration sleeve for each cat so owned, kept, or harbored, and shall place upon such cat a collar, or other device with the license number securely fastened or displayed thereto. Acceptable methods of displaying license number shall include, but are not limited to, breakaway or elastic collars. License tags or sleeves are not transferable.

b. **Time for Applying for License.** The owner of any newly acquired cat of licensing age, or of any cat which attains licensing age, shall make application for license tag or sleeve for such cat within 10 days after such acquisition or age attainment. This requirement will not apply to a nonresident keeping a cat within the Township for not longer than 90 days. Applications shall be furnished by the Health Department.

c. **Cats Brought into Township.** Any person who shall bring, or cause to be brought into this Township, any cat licensed in another State for the current year, and bearing registration tag or sleeve, and shall keep the same or permit the same to be kept within the Township for a period of more than 90 days, shall immediately apply for a license and registration tag or sleeve for each such cat.

d. **Application, Contents, Preservation of Information.** The application shall state the name, breed, sex, age, color, whether such cat is altered, including documentation indicating whether the cat is spayed and/or neutered, and markings of the cat for which license and registration are sought, and whether it is of a long or shorthaired variety; also the name, street, e-mail address, telephone number and post office address of the owner, and the person who shall keep or harbor such cat. The information on the application and the registration number issued for the cat shall be preserved for a period of three years by the Health Department.

e. **License Forms and Tags.** License forms and official tags or sleeves shall be furnished by the Health Department and shall be numbered serially, and shall bear the year of issuance and the name of the municipality.

n. All veterinarians or clinics licensed under New Jersey law must ensure that any cat living with persons who reside in West Orange have a valid cat license from the Township of West Orange which shall be renewed annually.

o. All veterinarians or animal clinics licensed under New Jersey law must provide the Township with a list of all clients who reside in West Orange, including the type of cat, the resident's name, address, telephone number and e-mail address. This list shall be provided by each licensed veterinarian and/or clinic on an annual basis beginning on the first of each year.

§ 10-11.4. Penalty

Except as otherwise provided in this section, any person who violates, or who fails or refuses to comply with this section shall be liable, upon conviction, to a penalty in an amount prescribed by Resolution. Any person suspected of being a first offender shall receive a written warning that he/she will have 30 days to obtain a license and if no such license is obtained within that period a notice of violation will be issued.

IV. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

Any Ordinances of the Township which are in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

V. SEVERABILITY

If any part of this Ordinance shall be deemed invalid, such parts shall be severed and the invalidity thereof shall not affect the remaining parts of this Ordinance.

V. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

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On motion made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa, **Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 7, Traffic, Subsections 7-11 Parking Time Limited on Certain Streets During Certain Hours, 7-14.2A Parking Prohibited on Certain Streets During Certain Hours of Certain Days, and 7-14.3 Parking Time Limited on Certain Streets During Certain Hours of Certain Days of The Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange** was approved on first reading, ordered advertised according to law, to come up for second and final reading on **April 8, 2025**.

All members present voting "Aye."

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Orange, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. Subsection 7-11 PARKING TIME LIMITED ON CERTAIN STREETS

DURING CERTAIN HOURS, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange is hereby supplemented and amended as follows: (*italic type denotes deletion, bold type denotes addition*):

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Sides</u>	<u>Time Limit</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Location</u>
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a. Discussion of a Possible Resolution of Support to Essex County for a Study of Potential Improvements to the South Curve on Mt. Pleasant Avenue Just East of Prospect Avenue.

Councilwoman Ghebremicael recused herself from the discussion in regard to the above referenced matter.

b. Single-Occupancy Restroom Ordinance

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Councilwoman Rudin to have the above referenced matter placed on the March 25, 2025.

Councilwoman Ghebremicael, Councilwoman Rudin, Councilwoman Scarpa and Council President Krakoviak voting "Aye." Councilwoman Casalino voting "Nay."

c. Council Liaison to Rent Leveling Board

A motion was made by Council President Krakoviak and seconded by Councilwoman Scarpa to replace Council President Krakoviak with Councilwoman Rudin as liaison to the Rent Leveling Board.

All members present voting "Aye."

d. Consideration of a Referendum for the Leaf Blower Ordinance

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Councilwoman Rudin to have a resolution placed on the March 25, 2025 meeting agenda for a referendum on the General Election ballot in November 2025.

Councilwoman Ghebremicael voting "Aye." Councilwoman Rudin, Councilwoman Scarpa and Council President Krakoviak voting "Nay." Councilwoman Casalino abstained. The motion failed.

At 11:37 p.m., on motion made by Councilwoman Ghebremicael and seconded by Councilwoman Rudin, the meeting was adjourned.

All members present voting "Aye."

The Minutes of this meeting are on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.


Karen J. Carnevale, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk


Joe Krakoviak
Council President

Adopted: March 25, 2025