

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14, SECTION 19.7 OF THE REVISED
GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE
(BONDS)**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY that Chapter 14, Section 19.7 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange be and are hereby amended as follows:

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to modify the fines set forth in Chapter 14, Section 19.7 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange to be amendable by Resolution such that it is amendable in the future by approval of the Township Council, a necessity in an everchanging socioeconomic climate.

II. CHAPTER 14, SECTION 19.7 SHALL BE AND HEREBY IS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED TO INCORPORATE THE FOLLOWING:

§14-19.7(a) BE AND HEREBY AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

- The portion entitled “Bond” which specifies the minimum and maximum compensation the Township can recover for the costs of repressing and prosecuting incidents of disorderly behavior, shall be repealed and replaced by the following language:

Any bond required to be posted pursuant to this section shall be in accordance with the judgment of the Hearing Officer, in light of the nature and extent of the offenses indicated in the substantiated complaints upon which the proceedings are based, to be adequate in the case of subsequent offenses to make reparation for (1) damages likely to be caused to public or private property and damages consequent upon disruption of affected residents' rights of fair use and quiet possession of their premises, (2) securing the payment of fines and penalties likely to be levied for such offenses, and (3) compensating the Township for the costs of repressing and prosecuting such incidents of disorderly behavior; ; but no such bond shall be in an amount less than the amount prescribed by Resolution and not more than the amount prescribed by Resolution.~~but no such bond shall be in an amount less than \$500 or more than \$5,000.~~ The Township may enforce the bond thus required by action in the Superior Court of New Jersey and shall be entitled to an injunction prohibiting the landlord from making or renewing any lease of the affected premises for residential purposes until that bond or equivalent security, in satisfactory form and amount, has been deposited with the Township.

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Any Ordinances of the Township which are in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.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

SUSAN MCCARTNEY, MAYOR

**TAMMY WILLIAMS,
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

KAREN J. CARNEVALE, R.M.C., MUNICIPAL CLERK

INTRODUCED: March 21, 2023

ADOPTED:

Legislative History

The purpose of this ordinance is to modify the fines set forth in Chapter 14 of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange to be subject to adjustment by Resolution.