BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-030

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 76 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE ENTITLED "PARKING LOTS, MUNICIPAL"

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey**,** as follows:

Section 1. Sections 76-1 through 76-10 of the Code of the Borough of Park Ridge, titled "Parking Lots, Municipal, Commuter Parking Lots" are hereby repealed and replaced by the following:

§76-1 Location; hours of use.

A. The parking of vehicles in the municipal parking lot located on Hawthorne Avenue between Madison Avenue and Market Street is hereby regulated and limited as follows:

   (1) Between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on all days except Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, no person shall cause a vehicle to occupy any of the parking spaces, unless said vehicle shall bear a current identification sticker, as herein defined, affixed in accordance with such regulation as the Chief of Police may hereafter promulgate.

   (2) Each person using the municipal parking lot shall cause the vehicle to be parked entirely within the designated parking area.

B. In conjunction with an agreement between the Borough of Park Ridge and New Jersey Transit, a ten-foot-wide by approximately five-hundred-sixty-foot parcel owned by New Jersey Transit running along the easterly side of the railroad and along Broadway beginning approximately 100 feet south of Park Avenue and continuing south to approximately opposite Roland Street with Broadway shall be designated as an hourly paid parking area. Said area shall function between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 2:00 am, on weekdays, except legal holidays. No overnight parking within the designated park-and-ride area shall be permitted. The daily fee to park in a designated space shall be as set forth in Ordinance 76-9.

C. The parking of vehicles in the municipal parking lot located on Perryland Street is hereby regulated and limited as follows:

   (1) Between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on all days except Saturday, Sunday and legal holiday(s), no person shall cause a vehicle to occupy any of the parking spaces, unless the vehicle bears a current identification sticker as defined herein and affixed in accordance with such regulations as promulgated by the Park Ridge Chief of Police.

(2) Each person using the municipal parking lot shall cause the vehicle to be parked entirely within the designated parking area.

(3) The spaces that are available in this parking lot for commuter parking are identified.

(4) Six spaces in this parking lot shall be marked "Reserved for Station Plaza." These spaces are reserved for residents of Station Plaza. No person other than residents of Station Plaza shall park or occupy these spaces.

(5) All other provisions of Chapter 76 shall continue.

D. The parking of vehicles in the municipal parking lot located at the property known as "The James" on Madison Avenue is hereby regulated and limited as follows:

(1) Parling shall be permitted between the hours of 5:00 am and 12:0 am at a rate as set forth in Ordinance 76-9.

(2) Between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. on all days, no person shall cause a vehicle to occupy any of the parking spaces marked for the Borough of Park Ridge, namely spaces identified as 1 through 20.

(3) Each person using the municipal parking spaces shall cause the vehicle to be parked entirely within the designated parking area.

§ 76-2. Designation of spaces; erection of signs.

The Chief of Police of the Borough of Park Ridge is hereby authorized to prepare a parking plan for the municipal parking lot and area, designating the spaces within which vehicles shall be parked. The Chief shall also cause such symbols and signs to be prepared which shall, in his or her judgment and discretion, facilitate the use of the municipal parking lot in accordance with the provisions of this article. The Department of Public Works is hereby authorized to perform the painting work and erection of signs approved by the Chief of Police.

§ 76-3. Identification stickers: application, issuance and fee.

The Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to issue municipal commuter lot identification decals for each vehicle owned by a bona fide resident of the Borough of Park Ridge and for any vehicle owned by a nonresident who is regularly engaged in business in the Borough of Park Ridge, as proprietor, employee, tenant or otherwise; provided, however, that preference being first given to residents of the Borough of Park Ridge and then to persons regularly engaged in business in the Borough of Park Ridge. The decals shall be issued and valid for and during the calendar year in which they are issued and not thereafter. The following regulations shall apply:

A. For residents:

(1) Proof of residency must be presented when applying for a decal.

(2) The deal must be affixed to the left side rear window.

(3) The annual cost for a decal shall be $150.; provided, however, that a decal purchased after October 1 shall be $75.00.

(4) Duplicate decal; replacement decal.

(a) One duplicate decal of the original decal shall be provided upon request for a fee of $50., which after October 1 shall be $25. The resident must identify the license plate of the vehicle for which a duplicate is being issued.

The Borough will issue a replacement decal at no cost when the decal holder provides proof that the original decal was destroyed and/or has become unusable.

(5) A resident who obtained a decal, and who purchases another car, may obtain a replacement decal at no charge, provided that said resident returns the original decal.

B. For business owners:

(1) Request for commuter lot decals for employees shall be made in writing on a letterhead of that business. The request shall include the make, model, year and license plate number of each vehicle for which a decal is requested.

(2) The provisions of Subsection A (2), (3) and (4) above shall apply.

(3) An employee who purchases another car may obtain a replacement decal at no charge, provided that said employee returns the original decal.

(4) Should an employee leave the firm, a replacement decal shall only be issued upon the return of the original decal by the business employee. Failure to return the original decal shall mean an original decal must be purchased at the appropriate fee for the new employee hired.

C. General regulations:

(1) There shall be no parking in the commuter lot by any person on any day between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., without notifying the Police Department and providing said Department with the license plate number of the vehicle to be parked and the reason for such a request.

(2) On Saturdays and Sundays, the commuter lot may be used without decals between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m.

§ 76-4 Rental of spaces to nonresidents.

The governing body may designate on-street, metered commuter parking spaces in conjunction with the provisions of Chapter 97 of the Borough Code. The governing body shall establish by resolution, a daily fee for the use of the on-street commuter spaces.

§ 76-5. Violations and penalties.

Every person who is found to violate any of the provisions of this article shall, upon the conviction of such violation, be liable to a penalty or fine not to exceed $500 for each separate offense or violation or imprisonment in the county jail for a term not to exceed 30 days, or both, at the discretion of the court.

§ 76-6. Enforcement.

This article shall be enforced by the Police Department of the Borough of Park Ridge.

ARTICLE II
Park Avenue/Municipal Hall Lot

§ 76-7. Use restrictions.

The parking of vehicles in the municipal parking lot located at Municipal Hall, Park Avenue, is hereby regulated and limited as follows:

A. Parking shall be for the conduct of business with the Borough of Park Ridge, the utilization of the Park Ridge Free Public Library and the utilization of Memorial Field only. Parking for any other purpose is hereby prohibited. Overnight parking is prohibited.

B. Parking in areas and/or spaces marked as reserved for the Fire Department by other than members of the Fire Department, Police Department or Borough officials is hereby prohibited.

C. Parking in areas and/or spaces marked as reserved for the Police Department by other than members of the Police Department is hereby prohibited.

§ 76-8. Regulations and signs.

The Chiefs of the Police and Fire Departments are hereby authorized to cause to be prepared such regulations, and the installation of such signs as reasonably may be required from time to time to carry out the intent and purpose of this article.

§ 76-9. Rates. The hourly rate for parking in the municipal lots shall be one ($1.00) dollar per hour plus a transaction fee of fifteen (15%) percent with a minimum transaction fee of sixty-five ($0.65) cents.

§ 76-10. Violations and penalties.

Every person who is found to violate any of the provisions of this article shall, upon the conviction of such violation, be liable to a penalty or fine not to exceed $500 for each separate offense or violation or imprisonment in the county jail for a term not to exceed 30 days, or both, at the discretion of the court.

ARTICLE III
Colony Avenue Lot

§ 76-11. Location; hours of use; promulgation of regulations.

The parking of vehicles in the municipal parking lot located on Colony Avenue, adjacent to the Municipal Swimming Pool is hereby regulated and limited as follows:

A. No person shall cause a motor vehicle to occupy any of the parking spaces between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. unless said vehicle shall bear a current identification sticker, as herein defined, affixed in accordance with such regulations as the Chief of Police may hereafter promulgate.

Section 2. If any part of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Ordinance.

Section 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or amended to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

BY ORDER OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
Magdalena Giandomenico, CMC
Borough Clerk