

**CITY OF HACKENSACK
ORDINANCE NO. 28-2024**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 119 OF THE CITY
CODE, “PEACE AND GOOD ORDER,” TO CLARIFY
LANGUAGE IN SECTION O**

WHEREAS, Chapter 119, Section 2 of the Code of the City of Hackensack (“City Code”) enumerates certain prohibited acts that represent offenses against the general peace and good order of the community, and are subject to the penalties prescribed elsewhere in the City Code; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Hackensack Police Department and Prosecutor wish to clarify the language in Section O and recommend the Council change the language to prevent future issues in prosecution of the ordinance due to ongoing enforcement of peace and good order within the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HACKENSACK, as follows:

Section 1:

Chapter 119, Section 2 of the City Code is amended as follows (additions by underline, deletions by ~~strikethrough~~):

O. No person or entity shall ~~forcibly~~ interfere with or hinder any member of the Police Department or the Fire Department or any officer of the municipality in the performance of ~~his~~ their duties, or prevent or attempt to prevent any member of the Police Department or the Fire Department or any officer of the municipality from performing ~~his~~ their duty.

Section 2:

All other provisions of Chapter 119 of the Code shall remain unchanged.

Section 3:

Repeal of Inconsistent Provisions. All ordinances or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, but only however, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, it being the legislative intent that all ordinances or part of ordinances now existing or in effect unless the same being conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance shall remain in effect.

Section 4:

Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable and if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof for any reason is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance, but shall remain in effect; it being the legislative intent this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

Section 5:

Codification. This Ordinance shall be a part of the Code of the City of Hackensack as though codified and fully set forth therein. The City Clerk shall have this ordinance codified and incorporated in the official copies of the Code. The City Clerk and the City Attorney are authorized and directed to change any Chapter, Article and/or Section number of the Code of the City of Hackensack in the event that the codification of this Ordinance reveals that there is a conflict between the numbers and the existing Code, and in order to avoid confusion and possible accidental repealers of existing provisions not intended to be repealed.

Introduced: July 15, 2024
Adopted: August 12, 2024

ATTEST:

CITY OF HACKENSACK

By: _____
Deborah Karlsson, City Clerk

By: _____
John P. Labrosse Jr., Mayor