

**BOROUGH OF LEONIA
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-02**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 95 OF THE
ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA ENTITLED
“BUILDING CONSTRUCTION”**

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

Section 1.

Chapter 95 of the Code of the Borough of Leonia, “Building Construction” is amended to add the following Article V “Crane Regulations”:

Article V. Crane Requirements.

95-16 Definitions.

As used in this Section, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

Board: The Crane Operators License Advisory Board established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:26-3.

Commissioner: The Commissioner of Labor.

Crane: Shall be defined in accordance with N.J.S.A. 45:26-1 through 45:26-17 (Licensure of Crane Operators Act).

Crane Operator: An individual engaged in the operation of a crane.

Crane-Related Experience: Operating, inspecting, training and maintenance experience acceptable to the Board.

95-17 General Requirements.

1. Ten (10) days before any crane operator, contractor or other person or company initiates the use of a crane within the Borough of Leonia, a permit shall be obtained from the Municipal Engineer. In emergent situations, the Municipal Engineer may waive this requirement in his or her own discretion if the operator meets the balance of the requirements of this article.

2. The permit will be maintained with the Borough of Leonia, as well as with the crane operator at all times; a copy of the permit shall be produced on the work site when

requested.

3. The following documents must be provided to the Borough of Leonia in order to be granted a permit:

- (a) New Jersey crane license.
- (b) Current medical examiner's card.
- (c) A copy of the most recent and current proof of inspection for the crane being operated (crane owner).
- (d) Proof of insurance required as follows:
 - (i) Bodily Injury:
 - (a) For any one person in the amount of \$500,000.00;
 - (b) For any occurrence in the amount of \$1,000,000.00.
 - (ii) Property damage:
 - (a) For any one accident in the amount of \$500,000.00;
 - (b) For any aggregate of occurrences in the amount of \$2,000,000.00.
- (e) A plan depicting the location of the crane on the site where the crane will be operated.

4. Upon receipt of a properly completed application and compliance with the requirements of this article, the Municipal Engineer shall issue or deny the requested permit within five (5) business days. If the application is denied, the reasons for the denial are furnished to the applicant in writing.

95-18 Crane Operator Licensing.

1. Licensure of crane operators. No person shall engage in the operation of a crane, offer himself or herself for employment as a crane operator or otherwise act, attempt to act, present or represent himself or herself as a crane operator unless licensed as such under the provisions of the Licensure of Crane Operators Act (N.J.S.A. 45:26-1 et seq.).

2. A crane operator's license shall be valid only in conjunction with a current certification and only in the specialty or specialties for which the crane operator is certified. The specialties are lattice boom crawler crane (LBC), lattice boom truck crane (LBT), small telescopic boom cranes (TSS) with a manufacturer's rating of less than 17.5 tons, and large telescopic boom cranes (TLL) with a manufacturer's rating of 17.5 tons or more.

95-19 Fee Schedule.

1. The permit fee for each crane shall be \$250.00. Each permit is valid for thirty (30) days and may be extended and/or renewed provided that compliance with the requirements of this article continues to be met. The fee for an extended or renewal permit is \$100.00 for another thirty (30) days.

95-20 Notification of Accident or Safety Issue Required.

1. The owner of the property shall immediately notify Leonia of every accident causing personal injury or damage to property involving a construction crane covered by this article and shall afford the municipal official every facility for investigating such accident. When an accident involves the failure, breakage, damage or destruction of any part of the apparatus, it shall be unlawful to use such device until after an examination by Leonia is made and approval of the equipment for continued use is granted. It shall be the duty of Leonia to make a prompt examination into the cause of the accident and to enter a full and complete report thereof in the records of Leonia. Such records shall be open for public inspection during regular business hours.

95-21 Safety Equipment Required.

1. All crane equipment shall be kept in safe working condition at all times by the owner and licensee.

2. If any safety or operational aid used or required to be used in connection with the operation of a crane is not working properly, the person operating such crane shall immediately shut down the crane until such time that the required safety or operational aid is repaired or replaced and the crane is restored to proper working order.

3. Any and all safety requirements promulgated by the Board, Commissioner or Borough must be adhered to at all times.

4. Every crane shall be thoroughly inspected by a competent designated employee or authorized agent of the owner or lessee of such mobile crane, tower crane or derrick at intervals not exceeding one month. Such inspection shall include, but not be limited to, all blocks, shackles, sheaves, wire rope, connectors and various devices on the master boom, controls and braking mechanisms.

5. A written, dated and signed record of each such inspection shall be completed by the competent designated employee or authorized agent who made the inspection. The most recent record of such inspection shall be posted inside the cab of such crane and shall be filed with the Borough of Leonia. Attached to such record of inspection shall be a written designation naming the competent employee or authorized agent. Such attached designation shall be signed by the owner or lessee of said crane.

6. Every crane shall be inspected before being erected or operated for the first time on any job.

7. Adjustments and repairs to cranes shall be made only by competent designated persons.

95-22 Administration; Enforcement.

1. The provisions of this article shall be enforced by the Municipal Engineer.

95-23 Unsafe Cranes.

1. Any crane which is or hereafter becomes unsafe or otherwise dangerous to human life or public safety, or which demonstrates inadequate maintenance, shall be deemed to be in an unsafe condition by the Municipal Engineer. All unsafe cranes shall be taken down or removed or made safe, as the Municipal Engineer deems necessary and as provided for in this article.

2. The Municipal Engineer shall cause a report to be filed on an unsafe crane. The report shall state the nature of the unsafe condition.

3. If any unsafe condition is found, the Municipal Engineer or municipal agent shall serve on the owner, agent or person in control of the crane a written notice that describes the condition being unsafe and specifies the required repairs or improvements to be made to abate the unsafe condition. Such notice shall require the person thus notified to declare immediately to the Municipal Engineer or municipal agent exceptions or rejection of the terms of the written notice.

4. Such written notice shall be deemed properly served if a copy is delivered to the owner personally or sent by certified or registered mail addressed to the owner at the last known address with the return receipt requested. If a certified or registered letter is returned showing that the written order has not been delivered, a copy shall be posted in a conspicuous place in or on the structure affected by such notice. Service of such notice in the foregoing manner upon the owner's agent or upon the person responsible for the crane shall constitute service of notice upon the owner.

5. The equipment determined to be unsafe by the Municipal Engineer or municipal agent may be restored to a safe condition. To the extent that repairs, alterations or additions are made during restoration of such equipment, such repairs, alterations or additions shall comply with all applicable codes.

6. Any person who refuses or neglects to comply with the requirements of notice to abate an unsafe condition shall be subject to a fine in accordance with §95-24.

95-24 Violations and Penalties.

1. Any person who operates a crane without meeting the requirements of this article or any rule or regulation promulgated thereunder shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$100.00 and no more than \$2,500.00 for each violation. Each day of illegal operation shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

2. Any person or company who employes an unlicensed person as a crane operator or who permits or directs any unlicensed person to operate a crane shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$1,000.00 nor more than \$2,500.00 for each violation. Each day of illegal operation shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

3. Any person who is convicted of violating any provision of this article within one (1) year of the date of a previous violation of this same article, and who was fined for the previous violation, shall be sentenced by a court to an additional fine as a repeat offender. The additional fine imposed by the court upon a person for a repeated offense shall not be less than the minimum or exceed the maximum fine fixed for a violation of this article, but shall be calculated separately from the fine imposed for the violation of this article.

Section 2.

All other provisions of Chapter 95, "Building Construction" of the Code of the Borough of Leonia are hereby ratified and confirmed.

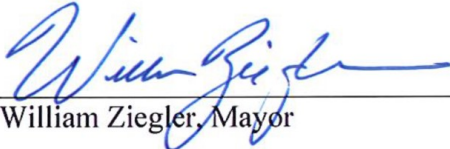
Section 3. Severability

If any article, section, sub-section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, deemed to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 4. Effect

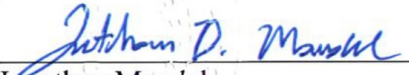
This Ordinance will take effect upon publication as required by law.

RECORD OF VOTE												
ORD. 2026-02												
	First Reading						Second Reading					
	January 21, 2026						February 18, 2026					
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Council												
Zeigler		✓	✓					✓	✓			
Grandelis			✓						✓			
Hesterbrink	✓		✓				✓		✓			
Ravid			✓						✓			
Scarangella			✓						✓			
Terrell			✓									✓
Mayor Ziegler				
M - Motion S - Seconded Y- Yes N - No A - Abstain AB - Absent												



 William Ziegler, Mayor

ATTEST:



 Jonathan Mandel
 Borough Clerk