

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026:03**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER VII OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD ENTITLED “TRAFFIC” TO AMEND SECTION 7-10.1, ENTITLED “LEFT-HAND TURN PROHIBITIONS”**

**WHEREAS**, the New Milford Police Department has brought to the attention of the Mayor and Council a safety concern regarding drivers attempting to make a left-hand turn from River Road northbound or New Bridge Road eastbound into the gas station located at 1150 River Road and a left-hand turn from the gas station onto River Road northbound or New Bridge Road eastbound; and

**WHEREAS**, by reason of the configuration of the intersection of River Road and New Bridge Road, the proximity of the driveways into the gas station along River Road to New Bridge Road, the multiple lanes of traffic and the busy nature of the roadways, the Mayor and Council finds that the foregoing left-hand turns pose a traffic hazard and significantly interfere with traffic movements at said intersection; and

**WHEREAS**, River Road and New Bridge Road are county roads; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 39:4-197.2 authorizes municipalities to adopt ordinances regulating traffic along county roads and parts thereof lying within the municipality, with the consent of the governing body of the county; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Bergen has given its consent to the foregoing traffic regulations;

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

**SECTION 1.** Paragraph a. of Section 7-10.1, “Left Turn Prohibition” of Section 7-10 “Turn Prohibitions,” of Chapter 7, “Traffic,” of the Code of the Borough of New Milford is hereby amended to add the following left-hand turn prohibitions:

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Turn Prohibited to</u>
River Road	North	Into 1150 River Road driveways
New Bridge Road	East	Into 1150 River Road driveways
1150 River Road driveways	North	River Road
1150 River Road driveways	East	New Bridge Road

## **SECTION 2. Signage.**

The Department of Public Works is hereby authorized and direct to install the appropriate signage subject to the Borough Engineer, under his seal as a licensed professional engineer, certifying to the Mayor and Council of the Borough of New Milford that any designation or erections of signs has been approved by the engineer after investigation of the circumstances, appears to the engineer to be in the interest of safety and the expedition of traffic on the public highways, and conforms to the current standards prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways, as adopted by the commissioner.

## **SECTION 3. Severability**

If any provision of this Ordinance, or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstances, shall be held invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance to the extent it can be given effect, or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby, and to this extent the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

## **SECTION 4. Inconsistency**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with any provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed as to the extent of such inconsistencies.

## **SECTION 5. Effective Date**

This ordinance shall become effective immediately following final adoption and publication thereof as required by law.