

CITY OF PLAINFIELD

MC 2024-46

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 16, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE 16 (PARKING TEMPORARILY PROHIBITED FOR SNOW PLOWING, SNOW REMOVAL, AND OTHER EMERGENCIES) OF THE CITY CODE FOR THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD HEREBY ORDAINS:

WHEREAS, The City of Plainfield has received numerous complaints from residents that there are commercial businesses that are operating businesses in residential neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, residents have observed that commercial businesses have been storing their vehicles on private property for years; and

WHEREAS, the combination of active commercial businesses and the storage of commercial business vehicles is negatively affecting the quality of life for the residents; and

WHEREAS, The City of Plainfield is immediately responding to these complaints and have instructed the City of Plainfield Police Department to address these issues; and

WHEREAS, in order to further protect the residents health, safety, and welfare, the City of Plainfield shall enact additional legislation; and

WHEREAS, additional legislation will allow the City of Plainfield to maintain commercial businesses within commercial districts and remove vehicles that should not be stored in residential neighborhoods for any period of time; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED, by the Municipal Council of the City of Plainfield, County of Union, New Jersey that Chapter 16, Vehicles and Traffic, Article 16, is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

§ 16:16-1 Parking prohibited on snow streets.

(a) No person shall park any vehicle on any of the streets or portions thereof in the City, listed in Section 16A-20, Schedule XX and designated as Snow Streets whenever snow has fallen and accumulation is such that it covers the streets and highways.

(b) The above parking prohibition shall take effect immediately after the snow has covered the streets and remain in effect until the snow has either been removed or disappeared to such an extent that parking will not interfere with the normal flow of traffic.

§ 16:16-2 Emergencies.

(a) The Chief of Police or his designee, is authorized to declare an emergency and to direct the posting of temporary "Emergency No Parking" signs when weather conditions, accidents, fires, public celebrations or any other conditions would create a situation where the parking of vehicles would interfere with the free flow of traffic; or which would hinder and obstruct the City authorities in the performance of their necessary functions and duties in reducing or preventing hazards caused thereby.

(b) Upon the declaration of an emergency, there shall be no parking upon streets or sections where temporary "Emergency No Parking" signs are displayed.

(c) Notification that the "Emergency No Parking" signs are being or will be posted shall be given to the operator or owner of any vehicle which has been parked prior to the posting of the signs.

(d) The posting of "Emergency No Parking" signs shall be deemed notice to the owner and operator thereof.

§ 16:16-3 Vehicles parked.

(a) Any occupied or unoccupied vehicle parked in violation of this article shall be deemed a nuisance and a menace to the safety and proper regulation of traffic and any peace officer may provide for the removal of such vehicle.

(b) The owner shall pay the reasonable costs of the removal and storage which may result from such removal before regaining possession of the vehicle.

§ 16:16-4 Emergency No Parking signs.

(a) The "Emergency No Parking" signs shall conform with Sketch No. R9-651, Streets Snow Covered, and Sketch No. R9-655, Emergency No Parking, prepared by the Traffic Safety Service, New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles.

(b) The effectiveness of this article is contingent on signs being created as required by law.

§ 16:16-5 Vehicles to be Towed Under Specific Circumstances

A. Commercial tow companies are prohibited from storing unregistered and/or towed vehicles in a residential area and in such cases the commercial vehicle and the unregistered/towed vehicles may be towed by the City.

B. Through the abatement process, the City of Plainfield may also tow vehicles from private property if any of the following conditions exist:

(a) If the owner of a vehicle fails to respond to summonses and/or warrants issued by the City of Plainfield Municipal Court and/or City agencies within thirty (30) days

(b) If four (4) or more summonses have been issued to the owner of a vehicle and the owner has not responded to the City of Plainfield Municipal Court

A. All ordinances and parts of the ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.


B. This Ordinance Shall Be a part of the City of Plainfield Code as though codified and fully set forth herein. The City shall have this Ordinance codified and incorporated in the official copy of the Code.

C. This ordinance shall take effect as the time and in the manner as provided by law.

*New language is **underlined** and in bold.


ADOPTED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

September 9, 2024


Abubakar Jalloh, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

I, Abubakar Jalloh, City Clerk of the City of Plainfield do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Plainfield City Council.


Abubakar Jalloh, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk

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