

VILLAGE OF RIDGEFIELD PARK

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-25

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 328 OF THE VILLAGE CODE, ENTITLED “PRIVATELY-OWNED SALT STORAGE”

WHEREAS, the Village of Ridgefield Park is a participant of the Municipal Stormwater Management Program, established by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (“NJDEP”); and

WHEREAS, the NJDEP has required that all participants in the program adopt an ordinance that regulates the storage of privately-owned salt; and

WHEREAS, for the Village to remain compliant with the Municipal Stormwater Management Program, it must adopt the aforementioned ordinance by no later than December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wish to establish Chapter 328 of the Village Code to implement the ordinance required by the NJDEP, so as to remain in compliance with the Municipal Stormwater Management Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Village of Ridgefield Park, that a new Chapter 328 of the Village Code be added, entitled “Privately Owned Salt Storage, and shall read as follows:

SECTION 1: ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SECTION 328-1, ENTITLED “PURPOSE”.

A new Section 328-1 is hereby established, which shall read as follows:

A. Purpose:

The purpose of this ordinance is to prevent stored salt and other solid de-icing materials from being exposed to stormwater.

This ordinance establishes requirements for the storage of salt and other solid de-icing materials on properties not owned or operated by the Village (privately-owned), including residences, in the Village of Ridgefield Park, to protect the environment, public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

SECTION 2: ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SECTION 328-2, ENTITLED “DEFINITIONS”.

A new Section 328-2 is hereby established, which shall read as follows:

B. Definitions:

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When consistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word “shall” is always mandatory and not merely directory.

1. “De-icing materials” means any granular or solid material such as melting salt or any other granular solid that assists in the melting of snow.
2. “Impervious surface” means a surface that has been covered with a layer of material so that it is highly resistant to infiltration by water.
3. “Storm drain inlet” means the point of entry into the storm sewer system.
4. “Permanent structure” means a permanent building or permanent structure that is anchored to a permanent foundation with an impermeable floor, and that is completely roofed and walled (new structures require a door or other means of sealing the access way from wind driven rainfall).

A fabric frame structure is a permanent structure if it meets the following specifications:

- a. Concrete blocks, jersey barriers, or other similar material shall be placed around the interior of the structure to protect the side walls during loading and unloading of de-icing materials;
 - b. The design shall prevent stormwater run-on and run through, and the fabric cannot leak;
 - c. The structure shall be erected on an impermeable slab;
 - d. The structure cannot be open sided; and
 - e. The structure shall have a roll up door or other means of sealing the access way from wind driven rainfall.
5. “Person” means any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.
 6. “Resident” means a person who resides on a residential property where de-icing material is stored.

SECTION 3: ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SECTION 328-3, ENTITLED “DE-ICING MATERIAL STORAGE REQUIREMENTS”.

A new Section 328-3 is hereby established, which shall read as follows:

C. De-icing Material Storage Requirements:

1. Temporary outdoor storage of de-icing materials in accordance with the requirements below is allowed between October 15th and April 15th:
 - a. Loose materials shall be placed on a flat, impervious surface in a manner that prevents stormwater run-through;
 - b. Loose materials shall be placed at least 50 feet from surface water bodies, storm drain inlets, ditches, and/or other stormwater conveyance channels;
 - c. Loose materials shall be maintained in a cone-shaped storage pile. If loading or unloading activities alter the cone-shape during daily activities, tracked materials shall be swept back into the storage pile, and the storage pile shall be reshaped into a cone after use;
 - d. Loose materials shall be covered as follows:
 - (1.) The cover shall be waterproof, impermeable, and flexible;
 - (2.) The cover shall extend to the base of the pile(s);
 - (3.) The cover shall be free from holes or tears;
 - (4.) The cover shall be secured and weighed down around the perimeter to prevent removal by wind; and
 - (5.) Weight shall be placed on the cover(s) in such a way that minimizes the potential of exposure as materials shift and runoff flows down to the base of the pile.
 - (a.) Sandbags lashed together with rope or cable and placed uniformly over the flexible cover, or poly-cord nets provide a suitable method. Items that can potentially hold water (e.g., old tires) shall not be used;
 - (6.) Containers must be sealed when not in use; and
 - (7.) The site shall be free of all de-icing materials between April 16th and October 14th.
2. De-icing materials should be stored in a permanent structure if a suitable storage structure is available. For storage of loose de-icing materials in a permanent structure, such storage may be permanent, and thus not restricted to October 15th -April 15th.

3. The property owner, or owner of the de-icing materials if different, shall designate a person(s) responsible for operations at the site where these materials are stored outdoors, and who shall document that weekly inspections are conducted to ensure that the conditions of this ordinance are met. Inspection records shall be kept on site and made available to the Village upon request.
 - a. Residents who operate businesses from their homes that utilize de-icing materials are required to perform weekly inspections.

SECTION 4: ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SECTION 328-4, ENTITLED “EXEMPTIONS”.

A new Section 328-4 is hereby established, which shall read as follows:

D. Exemptions:

Residents may store de-icing materials outside in a solid-walled, closed container that prevents precipitation from entering and exiting the container, and which prevents the de-icing materials from leaking or spilling out. Under these circumstances, weekly inspections are not necessary, but repair or replacement of damaged or inadequate containers shall occur within 2 weeks.

If containerized (in bags or buckets) de-icing materials are stored within a permanent structure, they are not subject to the storage and inspection requirements in Section 328-3, above. Piles of de-icing materials are not exempt, even if stored in a permanent structure.

This ordinance does not apply to facilities where the stormwater discharges from de-icing material storage activities are regulated under another NJPDES permit.

SECTION 5: ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SECTION 328-5, ENTITLED “ENFORCEMENT”.

A new Section 328-5 is hereby established, which shall read as follows:

E. Enforcement:

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Zoning Officer during the course of ordinary enforcement duties.

SECTION 6: ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SECTION 328-6, ENTITLED “VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES”.

A new Section 328-6 is hereby established, which shall read as follows:

F. Violations and Penalties:

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall have 72 hours to complete corrective action. Repeat violations and/or failure to complete corrective action shall result in fines as outlined in Section 1-15 of the Village Code.

SECTION 7: Severability:

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase, and finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause or reason shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8: Effective Date:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.



Commissioner Gerken




Commissioner MacNeill

Absent

Commissioner Olson

Absent

Commissioner Portorreal



Mayor Anlian



Village Clerk
Adopted on December 26, 2023