

**BOROUGH OF WRIGHTSTOWN
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE #2025-03**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE II, CHAPTERS 122 ENTITLED “NOISE”
AND 137 ENTITLED “PEACE AND GOOD ORDER”, IN THE
CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WRIGHTSTOWN, NEW JERSEY**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF WRIGHTSTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE: Chapters 122 and 137 of the Code of the Borough of Wrightstown is hereby amended as set forth in this Ordinance.

SECTION TWO: Section 122-2 is hereby amended to add the following new subsection:

Section 122-2.

“T. The operation of a gas powered generator, which causes noise due to the explosion of gases or fluids, to provide electricity to a residential or commercial structure on any property in the Borough is prohibited, except when used during an electrical outage; provided that such electrical outage is not caused by the owner or occupant of the property failing to pay its electric bill or the failure of the property owner or occupant to maintain electrical equipment or systems required to provide electricity from the service provider in the Borough.”

SECTION THREE: Section 122-7 is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“122-7. Enforcement.

A. Violation of any provision of this chapter shall be cause for a notice of violation to be issued to the violator by the public law enforcement officers and others who by law are entitled to enforce or bring complaints or issue permits under this chapter, including but not limited to the Borough Code Enforcement Officer. Such officers shall have the power to enforce and bring complaints under this chapter. The recipient of a notice of violation shall be entitled to a hearing in the Municipal Court having jurisdiction to contest such action.

B. Any person who violates any provision of this chapter shall be subject to a civil penalty for each offense of not more than \$3,000. If the violation is of a continuing nature, each day during which it occurs shall constitute an additional, separate and distinct offense.

C. No provision of this chapter shall be construed to impair any common law or statutory cause of action, or legal remedy therefrom, of any person for injury or damage rising from any violation of this chapter or from other law.”

SECTION FOUR: Section 137-1 is hereby amended to add the following new subsection.

“Section 137-1.A

(28) The operation of a gas powered generator, which causes noise due to the explosion of gases or fluids, to provide electricity to a residential or commercial structure on any property in the Borough, except when used during an electrical outage; provided that such electrical outage is not caused by the owner or occupant of the property failing to pay its electric bill or the failure of the property owner or occupant to maintain electrical equipment or systems required to provide electricity from the service provider in the Borough.”

SECTION FIVE: All other Sections of Chapters 122 and 137 unaffected by this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION SIX: SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

- A. Severability. In the event that any clause, section, paragraph or sentence of this Ordinance is deemed to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, then the Borough Council hereby declares its intent that the balance of the Ordinance not affected by said invalidity shall remain in full force and effect to the extent that it allows the Borough to meet the goals of the Ordinance.
- B. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final passage and publication in accordance with law.

NOTICE

The Ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at a regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Wrightstown, held on May 28, 2025. It will be further considered for final passage after a Public Hearing at the regular meeting to be held on June 11, 2025, at the Borough Hall, 21 Saylor's Pond Road, Wrightstown, New Jersey, at 6:30 P.M. at which time and place any persons desiring to be heard upon the same will be given an opportunity to be heard.

FREDA H. GORMAN, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Introduction/First Reading May 28, 2025

Motion: Mr. Severns

Second: Ms. Knapp

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. Bird, Mr. Bushnell, Mrs. Carroll, Mr. Craig, Ms. Knapp, Mr. Severns

Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Second Reading/Public Hearing June 11, 2025

Motion: Mrs. Carroll

Second: Ms. Knapp

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mr. Bird, Mr. Bushnell, Mrs. Carroll, Ms. Knapp, Mr. Severns

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Craig

Abstain: None

DONALD COTTRELL
Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of the ordinance that was introduced after first reading at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Wrightstown on May 28, 2025, and adopted after a public hearing at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Wrightstown held on June 11, 2025.

FREDA H. GORMAN, RMC
Municipal Clerk