

## **ORDINANCE NO. 15-2022**

### **ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING BUS COMMUTER PARKING LOTS**

**WHEREAS**, there is a lack of adequate commuter parking spaces for the residents of Aberdeen Township and the non-residents of Aberdeen Township who commute to work through the use of the New Jersey Transit bus system through the Route 34 corridor in Aberdeen Township; and,

**WHEREAS**, the high number of commuters who park near the Route 34 corridor in order to use the New Jersey Transit bus stops, have created a serious lack of adequate parking spaces on the public thoroughfares in Aberdeen Township which has in turn created a situation that adversely impacts the quality of life of many residents who live along those affected streets; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a compelling need to significantly decrease the number of commuter cars parking on the public streets in Aberdeen Township by establishing bus commuter parking lots on private property to alleviate the parking situation and to help make commuters' trips safe, easier, time efficient, convenient, and inexpensive.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of Aberdeen that the Traffic Code Ordinance is hereby amended to adopt an ordinance establishing bus commuter parking lots in the Township of Aberdeen.

#### **Section I:** *Bus Commuter Parking Lots.*

There shall hereby be created bus commuter parking lots in the Township of Aberdeen for the use by the residents and non-residents. The bus commuter parking lots are more particularly described in Schedule "A", which is attached hereto and incorporated into this ordinance.

#### **Section II:** *Use.*

- a. No person shall park any vehicle in the bus commuter parking lots without a valid municipal parking permit being displayed.
- b. No person shall park any vehicle in the bus commuter parking lots in any areas other than those designated with lines or stalls for commuter parking purposes.

**Section III: Permits**

Residents and non-residents shall obtain application forms for bus commuter parking permits from the administrative secretary. Each applicant for a bus commuter parking permit shall register the license plate of up to three vehicles to be used. Such vehicles must be registered at the applicant's address and be in the name of the applicant or in the name of an immediate family member of the applicant. One permit will be issued. In an emergency when an unregistered vehicle must be used, police headquarters shall be advised by the permittee of the make, model and license plate number of the vehicle being parked in the bus commuter parking lot.

**Section IV: Fees.**

The annual fee for an Aberdeen Township resident's bus commuter parking permit is one hundred (\$100.00) dollars and the annual fee for a non-resident's bus commuter parking permit is five hundred twenty-two (\$522.00) dollars payable in advance. For each replacement permit issued to the applicant, there shall be a charge of twenty-five (\$25) dollars to defray administrative expenses.

Fees previously collected in furtherance of the increase set forth above reflect ratification and approval of those collections by the Township retroactive to 2003 as if adopted prior hereto.

**Section V: Effective Dates.**

Permits shall be issued effective January 1 through December 31 of each year. Applications and fees shall be submitted to the administrative secretary no later than December 31.

**Section VI: Unlawful Parking.**

Vehicles unlawfully parked may be towed away and impounded by direction of the police department and shall receive summonses for violation of the terms of this ordinance. Owners may obtain the release of their vehicles by payment of towing and other costs.

**Section VII: Administration.**

The Township Manager or his designee shall be the official responsible for the administration of the bus commuter parking lots. The provisions of this ordinance shall not apply on Saturdays, Sundays and national legal holidays.

**Section VIII:**

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

**SCHEDULE “A”  
BUS COMMUTER PARKING LOTS**

1. Bechstein Drive
2. Strathmore Lanes Parking Lot
3. ShopRite

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Ayes: Councilmembers Cannon, Hirsch, Montone, Swindle, Deputy Mayor Kelley and Mayor Tagliarini

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman Martucci

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy  
of an ordinance n adopted by the Township  
Council of the Township of Aberdeen at  
a regular council meeting held on August 18, 2022

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Melissa Pfeifer, Township Clerk

