

**BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD**

**AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "DISORDERLY CONDUCT" OF THE REVISED GENERAL  
ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD.**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council support the enforcement of disorderly conduct in the Borough and desire to implement the following:

DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

A. Improper Behavior. A person is guilty of a petty disorderly persons offense if, with a purpose to cause public inconvenience, annoyance or alarm, or recklessly creating a risk thereof, he/she:

i. Engages in fighting or threatening or in violent or tumultuous behavior; or

ii. Creates a hazardous or physically dangerous condition by any act which serves no legitimate purpose of the actor.

B. Offensive Language. A person is guilty of petty disorderly persons offense, if, in a public place and with a purpose to offend the sensibilities of a hearer or in reckless disregard of the probability of so doing, he/she addresses unreasonably loud and offensively coarse or abusive language, given the circumstances of the person present and the setting of the utterance to any person present.

C. Public shall mean affecting or likely to affect persons in a place to which the public or a substantial group has access; among the places included are highways, transport facilities, schools, prisons, apartment houses, places of business or amusement or any neighborhood.

D. Violations and Penalties. Any violator determined by any court of competent jurisdiction to have violated this chapter shall be subject to pay a fine of not less than \$100.00, nor more than \$1000.00, as well as up to one hundred (100) days of community service.

Severability All provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If for any reason, any provision of this Ordinance is held to be invalid, the validity of the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected.

Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon final approval and publication, pursuant to law, and upon completion of all outstanding cases.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a meeting of the Borough of Bergenfield on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022 and passed on first reading, and the same was ordered for final passage at a meeting of the Council to be held at the Municipal Building in the Borough of Bergenfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022 at 8 p.m., at which time and place all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning such Ordinance.

Marie Quinones

Borough Clerk