

**BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ORDINANCE 25-2640 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SPECIAL PARKING LICENSES FOR BOROUGH EMERGENCY VEHICLES, BOROUGH VEHICLES, AND DESIGNATED PERSONAL VEHICLES OF EMPLOYEES, STAFF, AND OFFICIALS WHILE PERFORMING OFFICIAL DUTIES, AND PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR IDENTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION**

was introduced at a Regular Public Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bergenfield on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 and will be further considered for final passage after public hearing at a meeting of the Mayor and Council to be held in the Council Chamber of the Bergenfield Borough Hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, at 198 North Washington Avenue in Bergenfield on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 8:00 p.m. prevailing time, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard.

A clear and concise statement is to establish a special parking license for borough employees, staff, and officials to use in the borough while performing official duties as set forth in the ordinance.

A copy of this ordinance may be obtained without cost between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the office of the Borough Clerk, 198 North Washington Avenue, Bergenfield, New Jersey.

Marie Quiñones-Wilson  
Borough Clerk  
February 24, 2025

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**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Bergenfield recognizes the necessity of providing special parking licenses to ensure the effective and uninterrupted performance of official duties by emergency personnel, employees, staff, and officials; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough seeks to establish a process that ensures such parking does not create danger to public safety or inconvenience to the general public;

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

### **Section 1. Purpose**

This ordinance establishes special parking licenses for certain Borough emergency vehicles, Borough vehicles used during the performance of official Borough duties, and personal vehicles of Borough employees, staff, and officials while performing their duties, subject to the conditions and requirements set forth herein.

### **Section 2. Definitions**

For the purposes of this ordinance, the following terms are defined as:

1. **Borough Emergency Vehicles:** Vehicles owned or operated by the Borough for emergency response purposes, including police, fire, and ambulance services.
2. **Borough Vehicles:** Vehicles owned or leased by the Borough and used for official Borough duties.
3. **Personal Vehicles:** Privately owned vehicles of Borough employees, staff, or officials used in the performance of their official duties.
4. **Special Parking License:** A formal authorization issued by the Borough permitting the holder to park in designated areas while performing official duties, subject to the conditions set forth in this ordinance.
5. **Tag, Placard, or Plate:** The physical identifier issued by the Borough that must be displayed to indicate authorization under the special parking license.

### **Section 3. Authorized Vehicles**

The following vehicles shall be authorized for special parking licenses:

1. **Borough Emergency Vehicles** actively engaged in emergency response or other official Borough business.
2. **Borough Vehicles** being utilized for the performance of Borough duties.
3. **Personal Vehicles** of Borough employees, staff, and officials when actively performing duties of their office or employment.

#### **Section 4. Conditions for Special Parking Licenses**

Special parking licenses granted under this ordinance shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. Vehicles must be parked in a manner that does not create a danger to public safety or impede the free flow of traffic.
2. Parking is only permitted in areas not specifically prohibited by other laws, ordinances, or traffic regulations.
3. License holders must comply with all relevant Borough traffic and parking regulations.

#### **Section 5. Identification Requirements**

To exercise parking rights under a special parking license, the following identification requirements must be met:

1. A tag, placard, or plate issued by the Borough must be displayed on the dashboard or in another conspicuous place within the vehicle, indicating the authority to park.
2. The tag, placard, or plate shall include the following:
  - o The name of the issuing authority.
  - o The expiration date of the special parking license.
  - o A unique identifier corresponding to the authorized user.

#### **Section 6. Authorization Process**

1. Authorization for special parking licenses must be obtained through proper application to the Borough.
2. Applicants must submit documents demonstrating their eligibility, including proof of employment, official status, or vehicle registration.
3. Applications shall be submitted to the Clerk's Office and shall be forwarded to the Mayor or his/her designee for final approval.
4. The Borough reserves the right to revoke or deny licenses if conditions for eligibility are no longer met.

#### **Section 7. Penalties**

1. Unauthorized use of Borough-issued tags, placards, or plates shall result in the immediate revocation of the special parking license.
2. Additional penalties, as provided by existing ordinances, may also apply, including fines and towing at the owner's expense.

3. Repeat violations may result in a permanent ban from obtaining future special parking licenses.

### **Section 8. Severability**

If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

### **Section 9. Effective Date**

This ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage and publication as required by law.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a meeting of the Borough of Bergenfield on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025 and passed on first reading, and the same was ordered for final passage at a meeting of the Council to be held at the Borough Hall in the Borough of Bergenfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025 at 8 p.m., at which time and place all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning such Ordinance.