

## **ORDINANCE 15-2025**

### **ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 140, PUBLIC PARKING LOTS, TO IDENTIFY BY NAMES BOROUGH PARKING LOTS AND TO CLARIFY CERTAIN LANGUAGE**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 140 of the Borough of Mendham Code sets forth regulations regarding public parking lots in the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough desires to assign names to the numbered lots to improve identification and to make other clarifying language amendments; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed amendments were reviewed by the Public Safety Committee, which recommends amending the Borough Code to incorporate them; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Borough Council desire to endorse and authorize the recommended amendments to the Code.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mendham, County of Morris, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 140, Parking Lots, Public, §§ 140-1 to -3 of the Borough Code are hereby amended to read as follows:

#### **§ 140-1. Parking areas designated.**

For purposes of this chapter, the public parking areas described below shall be designated by number and name in the manner set forth below:

- A. Lot No. 1 – Phoenix House: the parking area located westerly of the Phoenix House and easterly of the Bowers Building.
- B. Lot No. 2 - Bowers Building: the parking area adjacent to and located to the rear (southerly) of the Bowers Building.
- C. Lot No. 3 – Hilltop Road: the parking area located adjacent to 6 Hilltop Road and to the rear (southerly) of St. Mark's Church.
- D. Lot No. 4 – Firehouse: the parking area surrounding the Borough Firehouse.
- E. Lot No. 5 – Police Station: the parking area adjacent to the Borough Police Station.
- F. Lot No. 6 – Borough Park and Arboretum: the parking area located to the rear (northerly) of the building situate on Lot 3 in Block 3A, known as "6 East Main Street."
- G. Lot No. 7 – Ward Sands North: the existing parking area in the northerly section of the Ward Sands Parking Lot and designated as Block 0601, Lot 16.

H. Lot No. 8 – Botti Fields: the existing parking area along the westerly side of Botti Fields.

**§ 140-2. Parking regulations.**

Parking of vehicles by the general public in Lot Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 as described in § 140-1 of this chapter shall be permitted only in spaces designated by lines painted on the pavement in each lot. No parking shall be permitted at any time in any of the entrance and exit driveways to and from any of the lots. Parking in any lot shall be further subject to and in accordance with the regulations and limitations hereinafter set forth below:

A. Lot No. 1. – Phoenix House

- (1) No vehicle shall be parked in this parking lot between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.
- (2) During the hours between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., no vehicle shall be parked for more than three continuous hours.
- (3) During the hours from 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday no vehicle, except those of elected or appointed Borough officials or employees, shall be parked in any of the nine spaces which shall be clearly marked "Reserved for Borough Personnel, 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. except weekends and holidays."
- (4) The parking space closest to the northeasterly corner of the Bowers Building shall be used only by persons having special vehicle identification cards duly issued by the New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-205 when using a vehicle on which is displayed a certificate duly issued pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-206.

B. Lot No. 2. – Bowers Building

- (1) No vehicle shall be parked in this parking lot between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.
- (2) During the hours between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., no vehicle shall be parked for more than three continuous hours.
- (3) During the hours from 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, no vehicle, except those of elected or appointed Borough officials or employees, shall be parked in any of the six southernmost spaces, which spaces shall be clearly marked "Reserved for Borough Personnel."
- (4) The driveways connecting this parking lot to West Main Street shall be limited to one-way traffic; the westernmost driveway shall be used to enter the lot, and the easternmost driveway shall be used to exit the lot.

C. Lot No. 3. – Hilltop Road

- (1) No vehicle shall be parked for more than 24 continuous hours.
- (2) The driveway connecting this parking lot shall be in the right-of-way from Hilltop School and 6 Hilltop Road (Block 1501 Lot 41).

D. Lot No. 4. - Firehouse

- (1) The driveway connecting this parking lot to East Main Street shall be limited to one-way traffic; the easternmost lane shall be used to enter the lot, and the westernmost lane shall be used to exit the lot.
- (2) The five spaces on the easternmost side of the lot, the 14 spaces along the southernmost side of the lot and the six spaces on the southwesterly corner of the firehouse, excluding the two spots as specifically identified in Subsection D(4) below, as designated by the proper signage, shall only be permitted for Fire and First Aid use.
- (3) The 11 spaces along the westerly portion of the lot, as designated by the proper signage, shall be designated as public parking, and each space shall have a four-hour time limit with no parking in each space from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.
- (4) The two parking spaces closest to the southwesterly corner of the firehouse shall be used only by persons having special vehicle identification cards duly issued by the New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-205, when using a vehicle on which is displayed a certificate duly issued pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-206.

E. Lot No. 5. – Police Station

- (1) No vehicle shall be parked for more than 24 continuous hours. Any violators of this section shall be towed.
- (2) The two parking spaces closest to the northeasterly corner of the parking lot shall be used only by persons having special vehicle identification cards duly issued by the New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-205, when using a vehicle on which is displayed a certificate duly issued pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-206.
- (3) The next four parking space after the handicapped parking spaces are designated as visitor-only parking.
- (4) The seven spaces closest to the northwesterly corner of the police station shall be used for Police Department vehicles only.
- (5) The remaining spaces shall be used for employee parking, additional police vehicle parking, and overflow parking.

F. Lot No. 6. – Borough Park

- (1) The use of the gravel parking lots shall be limited to those individuals utilizing the open space, municipal park, field house, basketball courts, or recreation areas

of Borough Park, including the use of its athletic fields for organized and unorganized outdoor sports other than swimming and for Borough events. All other uses of the parking lot shall be prohibited.

- (2) No vehicle shall be parked in the gravel lots located off Park Ave or Orchard St, between the hours of 2:00 am. and 6:00 a.m. without prior authorization.

G. Lot No. 7. – Ward Sands

- (1) The 10 parking spaces along the southerly edge of the lot are restricted for residential use with valid permits.
- (2) No vehicle shall be parked in the designated spaces, located in the central portion and the easterly and westerly edges of the lot, between the hours of 2:00 am. and 6:00 a.m.
- (3) No vehicle shall be parked in the designated spaces in this lot from dusk until dawn.

H. Lot No. 8. – Botti Fields

- (1) No vehicle shall be parked in this parking lot from dusk until dawn.
- (2) The use of the parking lot shall be limited to those individuals utilizing the open space, municipal park, field house, or recreation areas of Botti Fields, including the use of its athletic fields for organized and unorganized outdoor sports other than swimming and Borough events. All other uses of the parking lot shall be prohibited.

**§ 140-3. Violations and penalties; removal of vehicles.**

Violation of any of the provisions of this chapter shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding \$1,000, imprisonment for a term not exceeding 90 days or a period of community service not exceeding 90 days, or any combination thereof, unless a different penalty is fixed by New Jersey statute. In addition, any unoccupied vehicle parked or standing in violation of this chapter shall be deemed a nuisance and a menace

to the safe and proper regulation of traffic, and any peace officer may provide for the removal of such vehicle. The owner shall pay the reasonable costs of the removal and storage which may result from such removal before regaining possession of the vehicle, pursuant to Chapter 206, Vehicles and Traffic,

**SECTION 2.** All ordinances of the Borough of Mendham that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION 3.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval and publication as required by law.

Introduced: November 19, 2025

Adopted: December 10, 2025

Effective: Decmeber 10, 2025

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF MENDHAM

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Lauren McBride, Acting Borough Clerk

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James Kelly, Mayor