

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER, COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE #2025-16

Title: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7, TRAFFIC, ARTICLE I, GENERAL PROVISIONS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 39:4-197, municipalities are afforded the authority to regulate traffic and parking on municipal public rights-of-way throughout their jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 7, Traffic, of the Code of the Township of Lower establishes regulations pertaining to parking and traffic throughout the Township of Lower; and

WHEREAS, § 7-4.1 of the Code of the Township of Lower restricts vehicles exceeding four (4) tons in weight from operating/driving on certain streets within the Township; and

WHEREAS, § 7-5 of the Code of the Township of Lower restricts vehicle traffic on various streets throughout the Township by designating specific streets as one-way; and

WHEREAS, the Township has received correspondence from property owners residing along the 0 to 100 Block of Iowa Avenue raising concerns about delivery vehicles using the roadway and requesting that the Township consider prohibiting vehicles exceeding four (4) tons in weight from traveling on Iowa Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Lower has evaluated the request to prohibit vehicles exceeding four (4) tons from traveling on Iowa Avenue, considered input from the Lower Township Department of Public Works and the Lower Township Police Department, and, based on the roadway layout in this area of the Township, the dimensions of Iowa Avenue, and its proximity to Bayshore Road, has determined that it is appropriate to prohibit vehicles exceeding four (4) tons in weight from operating/driving on the 0 to 100 Block of Iowa Avenue and the entirety of Nevada Avenue, and to convert the existing portion of Iowa Avenue adjacent to Bayshore Road into a two-way street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Township Council of the Township of Lower, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 7, Traffic, Article I, General Provisions, Subsection 4.1, Limiting the use of streets to certain class of vehicles, is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 7, Traffic, Article I, General Provisions, Subsection 4.1, Limiting the use of streets to certain class of vehicles, is hereby amended, as follows, in order to exclude vehicles exceeding four tons' gross weight from using Iowa Avenue:

§ 7-4.1 Limiting the use of streets to certain class of vehicles.

Trucks over four tons excluded from certain streets. Trucks over four tons' gross weight are hereby excluded from the streets or parts of streets described in Schedule V except for the pickup and delivery of materials on such streets. See Schedule V below.

| Schedule V Trucks Over Four Tons | |
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| Name of Street | Location |
| Amherst Road | Entire length |
| Apple Blossom Drive | Fire lane east to Sunnyside Drive |
| Atlantic Avenue | Entire length, south from the Wildwood Crest boundary |
| Austin Avenue | Entire length |
| Bayridge Road | Entire length |

| Schedule V Trucks Over Four Tons | |
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| Name of Street | Location |
| Beachhurst Drive | Entire length |
| Beachland Drive | Entire length |
| Carlton Drive | Entire length |
| Cherry Hill Road | Fieldview Drive north to Mimosa Drive |
| Claremont Road | Entire length |
| Clearwater Drive | Entire length |
| Commander Road | Fieldview Drive north to Harmony Road |
| Cove Drive | Entire length |
| Croydon Drive | Entire length |
| Deborah Street | Entire length |
| Deepwater Road | Entire length |
| Edgewater Road | Entire length |
| Elliott Road | Entire length |
| Fieldview Drive | Sunnyside Drive west to Apple Blossom |
| Fire Lane | Bayshore Road east to Sunnyside Drive |
| Glade Drive | Townbank Road north to Apple Blossom |
| Harmony Road | Glade Drive east to Sunnyside Drive |
| Heidi Avenue | Entire length |
| Iowa Avenue | From 19 Iowa Avenue to the terminus |
| Joanne Street | Entire length |
| Judith Avenue | Entire length |
| Keyport Road | Entire length |
| Linda Anne Avenue | Entire length |
| Margaret Street | Entire length |
| Memphis Avenue | Entire length |
| Mimosa Drive | Fieldview Drive east to Sunnyside Drive |
| Mindy Avenue | Entire length |
| Nevada Avenue | Entire length |
| North Station Avenue | Entire length |
| Old Mill Drive | Entire length |
| Old Mill Drive | Fieldview Drive east to Sunnyside Drive |
| Orchard Drive | Fieldview Drive east to Sunnyside Drive |
| Park Boulevard | Entire length, south from the Wildwood Crest boundary |
| Raleigh Avenue | Entire length |
| Richmond Avenue | Entire length |
| Rochester Avenue | Entire length |

| Schedule V Trucks Over Four Tons | |
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| Name of Street | Location |
| Roseann Avenue | Entire length |
| Sanddune Drive | Entire length |
| Seaview Avenue | Entire length, south from the Wildwood Crest boundary |
| Sivia Street | Entire length |
| South Station Avenue | Entire length |
| Sunnyside Drive | Townbank Road north to Apple Blossom |
| Suzanne Avenue | Entire length |
| Weeks Landing Road | From Seashore Road to Route 9 |
| Willow Drive | Fieldview Drive east to Sunnyside Drive |

Section 2. Chapter 7, Traffic, Article I, General Provisions, Subsection 5, One-way streets, is hereby amended, as follows, in order to remove the one-way street designation associated with Iowa Avenue:

§ 7-5 One-way streets.

The streets or parts of streets described in Schedule VI below are hereby designated as one-way streets in the direction indicated.

| Schedule VI One-Way Streets | | | |
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| Name of Street | Direction | Location | Parking Permitted |
| First Avenue | Westbound | Route No. 9 to Wilson Drive | |
| Madison Avenue | Eastbound | Ocean Drive to Seaview Avenue | North side |
| Memphis Avenue | Eastbound | New Jersey to Pacific Avenue | Both sides |
| Memphis Avenue | Eastbound | Ocean Drive to Seaview Avenue | Both sides |
| North Station Road | Westbound | Seaview Avenue to Ocean Drive | Both sides |
| Ocean Avenue | Eastbound | Bayshore Road to Cornell Street | |
| Seaview Avenue | Northbound | Madison Avenue to southerly curbline of Raleigh Avenue | Both sides |
| Seaview Avenue | Northbound | Raleigh Avenue to the terminus | Both sides |
| Second Avenue | Eastbound | Route No. 9 to Wilson Drive | |
| Wilson Drive | Westbound | Route No. 9 to First Avenue | |

Section 3. All other ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.

Section 4. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end the provision of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall become effective 20 days after final passage and publication according to law.

First Reading: July 7, 2025

Adopted: August 4, 2025

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