

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER, COUNTY OF OCEAN,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 424 OF
THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANCHESTER**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Manchester, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 424 of the Township Code, entitled “Vehicle Parking and Storage,” shall be amended in its entirety, which shall now read as follows:

Chapter 424. Vehicle Parking and Storage

ARTICLE I. GENERAL

§ 424-1. Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to regulate the parking or storage of vehicles on streets and residential lots within the Township of Manchester.

§ 424-2. Prohibition.

It shall be unlawful to park or store any tractor-trailer, recreation vehicle, trailers, including but not limited to boat or watercraft trailers, camping trailers, recreation vehicle trailers, recreational trailers, closed or open utility trailers, storage trailers or other storage containers or any commercial vehicle on any street within the Township of Manchester between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. It shall be unlawful to park or store any motor vehicle, truck, tractor, tractor-trailer, construction vehicle or any vehicle of any description which weighs over four tons (8,000 pounds) gross vehicle weight (GVW) on any residential lot within the Township unless the owner of the vehicle is the owner, tenant or permanent occupant of the residential lot upon which the vehicle is parked or stored. Under no circumstances shall more than two vehicles that qualify for parking or storage under this chapter be permitted to be parked or stored on any single residential lot. Any qualifying vehicle over 8,000 pounds gross vehicle weight (GVW) so parked or stored on any residential lot as outlined in this chapter may not be so parked or stored unless the vehicle is set back no less than 35 feet from any front, back or side property line.

§ 424-3. Exception.

The prohibition shall not apply to any vehicle being used to provide temporary services or delivery to the residence. The vehicle providing the service or delivery must be removed immediately upon completion of the service or delivery.

§ 424-4. Violations and penalties.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction, be subject to the penalties included in Chapter 1, Article II, General Penalty, of the Township Code. Each day that a violation exists shall constitute a separate violation and a separate penalty may be imposed for each violation.

§ 424-5. Removal.

A motor vehicle which is parked in violation of this chapter on the streets of Manchester Township may be removed from the street by the Township of Manchester or its agents. The cost of removal shall be paid to the municipality or its agents by the owner at such time as the owner shall claim the vehicle. Any fees or costs assessed under this chapter may be in addition to any penalty imposed under § 424-4 of this chapter.

ARTICLE II

Oversized Vehicle Parking

§ 424-6. Purpose.

This Article is adopted for the purpose of allowing the parking of oversized vehicles owned by Manchester Township residents by permitting decal parking on township-owned property located within the following boundaries:

A. Designated decal parking area in the Municipal lot located at 2848 Ridgeway Road behind the Ridgeway Road Fire Department.

§ 424-7. Definitions

Oversized Vehicle – any commercial or recreational vehicle, trailer or equipment exceeding 8,000 lbs GVW, including but not limited to tractor-trailers, buses, large trucks and RVs/campers.

§ 424-8. Restrictions on use of decal parking areas.

A. Parking on said lands and premises hereinbefore designated shall be authorized by permit only, which shall be evidenced by a decal issued to the owner of the oversized vehicle.

B. Such parking area shall be marked by signs indicating that parking will be by permit only and that vehicles must bear the required decal, which signs may state "Parking for Vehicles With Decals Only."

C. No oversized vehicle shall be parked in any such parking area unless it displays in the lower rear corner of its left rear window a current and valid decal so issued by the Township of Manchester as herein provided.

D. No oversized vehicle shall be parked except within a single designated parking space as shall be indicated within said parking area or as may be directed by the police or attendant in charge of the parking area or by a control sign indicating the designated area to park.

E. Trailers, trucks, RVs, or buses shall only be parked in any such parking area as may be specifically designated for the same.

F. All oversized vehicles shall be parked in such area with the front of the vehicle facing the control sign, if any, which designates the parking space therefor.

G. No oversized vehicle shall be parked within the entrance or exit to any such parking area or within any of the aisles thereof.

H. Use of the lot by authorized users is strictly for parking purposes. Maintenance of an oversized vehicle or habitation in an oversized vehicle is not permitted.

I. The Township maintains the right to suspend the use of the lot in connection with Township operational needs.

§ 424-9. Issuance of decals.

A. Applications for decals are available with the Manchester Township Clerk. Permits are issued upon completion of the application, payment of the fee and approval by Manchester Township Police Department.

B. Applicants must display a current and valid New Jersey motor vehicle driver's license and registration certificate for the vehicle showing the name and address of the applicant as a resident of the Township of Manchester. Such decal shall be issued only to the owner of the motor vehicle and shall not be transferable. However, a decal may be transferred during the period of its validity to a new vehicle or motor vehicle purchased by the applicant upon the sale or transfer of the original vehicle. In such case of a sale or transfer, the owner shall remove the decal and supply evidence thereof to the Township Clerk to obtain a new decal for transfer to a different vehicle.

C. Decals shall be valid from the date received, through December 31st of the calendar year in which received.

E. The application for a decal and permission to use the same shall be on a first-come-first served basis. The annual fee (calendar year) for parking is \$250 per vehicle, renewable every December. Fees will not be pro-rated for less than one year.

F. Any resident may obtain a temporary decal good for one (1) day for a fee of \$25 per vehicle, based on availability. Further, no decal shall be issued if the parking area is at full capacity.

G. Said decals shall have written thereon "Manchester Township Parking Permit," together with the number of the decal, motor vehicle registration number and the date issued and the date of expiration.

H. Decals shall be displayed on the lower rear corner of the front driver-side window.

I. The Manchester Township Police Department shall make and keep a record of all decals issued, including therein the number of the decal, the date of issuance, the name of the person to whom issued, with their address, the motor vehicle registration number and the make, model and color of the motor vehicle for which issued.

§ 424-10. Disabled vehicles.

No person shall park or place any disabled vehicle or permit any such disabled vehicle to remain in any such parking area without the express permission of the police or the attendant in charge of such parking area.

§ 424-11. Violations and penalties.

A. Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction, be subject to the penalties included in Chapter 1, Article II, General Penalty, of the Township Code. Each day that a violation exists shall constitute a separate violation and a separate penalty may be imposed for each violation.

B. In addition to any penalties, the Township may require the return of the decal and revoke an applicant's approval to park at the lot.

C. Any vehicle parked in any such parking area in violation of this Article, except a vehicle bearing a valid decal and parked as now herein required, may be removed from the parking area on order of any police officer, and the owner thereof shall pay the reasonable cost of such removal and of storage, which may result from such removal before being allowed to regain possession of the vehicle, and such costs of removal and storage shall be in addition to any penalty or fine hereinbefore provided.

§ 424-12. Exemptions.

This Article shall not apply to any municipal vehicles registered to the Township of Manchester or to any vehicles engaged in police work.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect after second reading and publication as required by law.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed by the Township Council of the Township of Manchester on first reading at a meeting held on the 26th day of January 2026 at 6:00 p.m. The Ordinance will be considered for second and final reading at a meeting of the Township Council which is scheduled for 9th day of February 2026 at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached, at the Municipal Building located at 1 Colonial Drive, Manchester, New Jersey 08759, at which time the public is invited to ask questions, raise objections, or provide public comment with regard to the proposed adoption of this Ordinance.

Teri Giercyk, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk