

NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE 2026-7 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BERLIN AMENDING CHAPTER 320 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC” TO UPDATE TOWNSHIP SNOW EMERGENCY PROTOCOLS FOR VEHICLES INCLUDING DECLARATION OF POLICE/STATE OF EMERGENCY, SNOW EMERGENCIES, AND PARKING DURING SUCH EMERGENCIES

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Berlin finds that the accumulation of snow and ice on municipal roadways poses a significant threat to public safety and welfare, impedes the safe flow of vehicular traffic, and obstructs the necessary operations of emergency response vehicles, and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Berlin further finds that the current parking of vehicles on certain public streets during such winter weather events significantly hinders the Township’s ability to efficiently plow, clear, and treat said roadways and the Township Police Department’s ability to operate in emergency conditions; and

WHEREAS The Township Council therefore desires to amend the Township’s existing Sections § 320-7, §320-8, and §320-15 of the Township Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED by the Township Council of the Township of Berlin, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the following sections of the Township Code shall be amended as follows:

§320-7 shall now read: Upon declaration of a temporary police emergency or general state of emergency by the Chief of Police or his or her designee, no parking shall be permitted on any street or section of street where temporary "Police Emergency" and/or "No Parking" signs are displayed.

The Chief of Police or his or her designee shall have authority to declare such an emergency when deemed appropriate and to direct the posting of required signs. This authority applies to situations including, but not limited to, accidents, fires, public celebrations, weather conditions (other than snow emergencies governed by §320-8), or other conditions that create hazards or interfere with the free flow of traffic.

§320-8 shall now read:

A. Declaration and Duration.

(1) A snow emergency is automatically declared within the municipal limits of the Township of Berlin whenever snowfall accumulation reaches two inches or more. This applies notwithstanding any provision in § 320-7.

(2) The snow emergency shall continue for 24 hours after snowfall ceases, except that it shall remain in effect on any street where snow has not yet been removed.

(3) The Chief of Police, his or her designee, or other authorized Township official may extend the snow emergency on specific streets beyond the initial period if parking would interfere with traffic flow or snow removal operations. The emergency shall terminate on a street when conditions no longer interfere with normal traffic flow, as determined by the Chief of Police or designee.

B. Parking Prohibitions.

(1) During any snow emergency as defined in Subsection A, no vehicle—however propelled—shall stand or park, whether attended or unattended, on any Township street. Exceptions are permitted only for:

- Picking up or discharging passengers (in the case of an omnibus), or
- Picking up or delivering essential commodities (in the case of other vehicles).

(2) The purpose of this section is to promote public safety and general welfare by enabling efficient curb-to-curb snow removal from public streets as expeditiously as possible.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision, no person shall park a vehicle on either side of any public street, or allow any portion of a vehicle to extend into the roadway, when snow sufficiently covers the roadway to obscure road markings during a snow emergency.

(4) Temporary parking on private lawns is permitted solely during a declared snow emergency or winter storm advisory to facilitate compliance with on-street parking prohibitions and to aid snow removal operations.

(5) During a snow emergency, parking is strictly prohibited on either side of the following designated streets for their entire length, for any reason and at any time:

Name of Street	Sides	Location
Bate Avenue	Both	Entire length
Chestnut Avenue	Both	Entire length
Commerce Lane	Both	Entire length
Cushman Avenue	Both	Entire length
Day Avenue	Both	Eastern edge of Township property to Route 73
Fairview Avenue	Both	Entire length
Franklin Avenue	Both	Entire length
Grove Avenue	Both	Entire length
Harker Avenue	Both	Entire length
Heights Avenue	Both	Entire length

Name of Street	Sides	Location
Lester Avenue	Both	Entire length
Lucas Avenue	Both	Entire length
Minck Avenue	Both	Entire length
Mt. Vernon Avenue	Both	Entire length
Taunton Avenue	Both	Entire length
Veteran's Avenue	Both	Entire length
Washington Avenue	Both	Entire length

C. Removal of Vehicles.

Any unoccupied vehicle parked or standing in violation of this section shall be deemed a nuisance and a menace to the safe and proper regulation of traffic. Such vehicles shall be subject to towing and/or removal in accordance with Article IV of this chapter.

§320-15 shall now read:

A. Motor vehicle, camper, trailer or boat five tons or less.

No person shall park a motor vehicle of any type, or a camper, trailer, or boat with a gross weight of five tons or less and/or a length of less than 20 feet, on or upon the front yard of a property except in a driveway.

Temporary lawn parking on private property is permitted solely during a declared snow emergency or winter storm advisory to facilitate compliance with on-street parking prohibitions and snow removal operations.

INTRODUCED: June 15, 2026

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin, Camden County, New Jersey on June 15, 2026, and the same was ordered published pursuant to statute. Said ordinance will be further considered for final adoption at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin on July 20, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at the Berlin Township Municipal Hall, 135 Route 73 South, West Berlin, NJ.08091, at which time all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance.

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