

MONROE TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY

ORDINANCE NO.: O-9-2023-025

ORDINANCE OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
AMENDING CHAPTER 116 THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE  
ENTITLED "TOWING AND STORING OF VEHICLES"

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**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that Chapter 116 of the Monroe Township Code entitled "Towing and Storing of Vehicles" be amended and supplemented as follows (new text is in **red and underlined**, text to be deleted is **struck**):

**§ 116-4. Application for permit.**

**D. The required documents set forth in Section 116-5, 116-6, and 116-9 of this chapter shall be submitted annually and/or upon expiration to the Township Clerk and whenever there is a deviation from the original application in regard to change of location, change of personnel and/or change in vehicles.**

**§ 116-7. Application review.**

**(6)** The applicant owns or has a valid lease to a storage facility ~~within the Township boundaries~~ **within 5 miles of the Township boundaries**, in an area legally zoned for such use, and such storage facility includes a minimum of 10 outside spaces and an inside secured facility for storage of impounded vehicles.

**§ 116-12. Performance standards.**

A. Maintenance of place of business. Light and medium duty tow operators shall maintain a principal place of operation ~~within the township~~ **within 5 miles of the Township boundaries**, as a property tax payer or holder of a valid lease. A heavy duty tow operator shall maintain a principal place of operation within fifteen (15) miles of the township boundaries. Tow operators shall comply fully with all of the zoning, land use and property maintenance codes of the township in which the tow operator's business is located.

(1) Each place of business will provide and maintain the following:

**(a) One (1) tow operator allowed per base of service or storage facility. Those existing operators who lease and share storage facilities with another tow operator, at the time this section is enacted, shall have one (1) calendar year from the date of enactment to comply with this requirement.**

**(b) ~~(a)~~ A store front including signage displaying the business name, address and phone number.**

**(c) ~~(b)~~ A person in the office to greet customers rendering service.**

**(d) ~~(c)~~ A waiting area for patrons' use.**

**(e) ~~(d)~~ A properly maintained and working restroom for patrons.**

**SECTION 2.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3.** If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

**SECTION 4.** This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after final passage, adoption and publication as provided by law.

SO ORDAINED, as aforesaid.

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MIRIAM COHEN, Council President

<b>RECORDED VOTE – INTRODUCTION – September 6, 2023</b>						
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Councilman Dipierro</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilman Markel</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilwoman Siegel</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>Council V. President Van Dzura</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Council President Cohen</b>			<b>X</b>			

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Monroe Township Council held on September 6, 2023. Said Ordinance will again be read and considered for final passage at the next scheduled meeting of the Monroe Township Council to be held on October 2, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Monroe Township Municipal Building, 1 Municipal Plaza, Monroe Township, New Jersey 08831. At said time and place all persons having an interest in the foregoing Ordinance will be granted an opportunity to be heard concerning the same prior to consideration for final passage by the Council.

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PATRICIA REID, Township Clerk

<b>RECORDED VOTE – SECOND READING &amp; FINAL ADOPTION – October 2, 2023</b>						
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
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**MAYORAL APPROVAL**

By virtue of the Optional Municipal Charter Law of 1950 and Chapter 3, Section 19 of the Code of the Township of Monroe, my approval of this Ordinance is effected by the affixing of my signature hereto.

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STEPHEN DALINA, Mayor

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_