

CLINTON TOWN COUNCIL

JULY 13, 2022

7:30 P.M.

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ROLL CALL

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

1. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE #22-09 –
AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CODE BOOK
PERTAINING TO VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

2. RESOLUTION #114-22 – LIMITED BREWERY LICENSES

3. ADJOURNMENT

7/11/22

**TOWN OF CLINTON
HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE # 22-09**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 135, ENTITLED
VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE
TOWN OF CLINTON**

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton Road Committee (Road Committee) is desirous to amend several sections of Chapter 135, entitled Vehicles and Traffic to adjust certain time limits; and

WHEREAS, the Road Committee has recommended to the Mayor and Council that the Code of the Town of Clinton be amended accordingly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton, the County of Hunterdon, that the Code of the Town of Clinton “Code”) is hereby amended as follows: (1) those portions of the Code set forth below are hereby amended as follows (additions noted in bold italics *thus* and deletions noted in strikethrough ~~thus~~); and (2) portions of the Code not set forth below shall remain unchanged:

SECTION 1. Section 135-6 of the Code of the Town of Clinton entitled “Parking time limited on certain streets”, is amended as follows:

No person shall park a vehicle, *trailer, or equipment* for longer than the time limit shown in Schedule IV at any time between the hours listed in Schedule IV of any day, except Sundays and public holidays, upon any of the streets or parts of streets described in Schedule IV (§ 135-26) attached to and made a part of this chapter. *At the discretion of the Chief of Police, short-term, temporary exceptions to these parking time limits may be granted.*

SECTION 2. Section 135-26 of the Code of the Town of Clinton entitled “Schedule IV: Time Limit Parking”, is amended as follows:

In accordance with the provisions of § 135-6, no person shall park a vehicle for longer than the time limit shown upon any of the following streets or parts of streets:

Municipal Parking Lot No. 1 between painted lines	Entire lot	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>24 hours for non-commercial</i>• <i>6 hours for commercial</i>	Rear of Municipal Building on Leigh Street
Municipal Parking Lot No. 2 between painted lines	Entire lot	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>3 hours for non-commercial;</i> 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday.• <i>3 hours for commercial; 8:00</i> <i>a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to</i> <i>Saturday.</i>	Block 10, Lot 11, lot running from rear of the Boyle Building on Main Street to Lower Center Street

Municipal Parking Lot No. 3 between painted lines	Entire lot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 hours for non-commercial • 6 hours for commercial 	At the corner of Water Street and Halstead Street
Municipal Lot No. 4 between painted lines	Entire lot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 hours for non-commercial • 6 hours for commercial 	Community Center, Halstead Street
Municipal Parklands, Lot No. 5	Entire lot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 hours for non-commercial • 6 hours for commercial 	Hunts Mills Haver Farm Road
Municipal Lot No. 6	Entire lot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 hours for non-commercial • 6 hours for commercial 	DeMott Pond (Route 173)
Municipal Parking Lot No. 7	North	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 hrs.; 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday • No parking for commercial at any time. 	Clinton Fire Department (New Street)

For the purposes of this section, “commercial vehicle” shall mean a bus, trailer, equipment, and/or vehicle that is intended for and primarily used for commercial purposes, whether or not said vehicle is registered as a commercial vehicle with any State Division of Motor Vehicles. For the purposes of this section, all trucks, vans, buses, trailers, equipment, or other vehicles containing advertising matter intending to promote the interest of any business and / or with a gross weight in excess of three (3) tons shall be considered “commercial.”

SECTION 3. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed as to such inconsistencies.

SECTION 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any 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 thereof.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

On motion by _____, seconded by _____, the following resolution was adopted by the Committee/Council/Board of (Town/County) at a meeting held July ____, 2022.

RESOLUTION #114-22

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL'S SPECIAL CONDITIONS ON LIMITED BREWERY LICENSEES

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control (“NJABC”) issued new special conditions on each limited brewery licensee (aka “craft brewery”) in the state beginning Friday, July 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, under the license conditions, craft breweries are limited to hold only 25 on-site activities open to the general public annually, as well as only 52 private parties annually.

WHEREAS, under the license condition, craft breweries are limited to only attend 12 off-premises events, such as municipal, charitable and holiday celebrations; and

WHEREAS, under these license conditions, craft breweries are subject to the following restrictions:

- Restrictions on the types of television programming they can air in their tasting rooms;
- Restrictions on what types of live or recorded music they can play or host;
- Limitations on food options they can make available to customers;
- Banning the sale of coffee; and
- Prohibiting the sale of soft drinks and other non-alcoholic beverages not made onsite at the brewery; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Brewers Association, the one-hundred and forty-one craft (141) breweries operating in New Jersey in the calendar year 2021 contributed almost \$2 billion to the State’s economy, and created over 11,000 jobs with an average annual income of more than \$55,000 per employee; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton has been attempting to attract craft breweries to locate in its downtown and other commercial areas in order to attract visitors and customers to the Town; and

WHEREAS, these new conditions will greatly reduce the possibility that the Town will be able to attract craft breweries to become a part of its downtown; and

WHEREAS, these new conditions will force these local, homegrown small businesses to rethink business models and closely consider which events they should participate in or host, which will reduce their profits and their opportunities to engage in their communities; and

WHEREAS, visiting these craft breweries is about each of their unique experiences, and these proprietors have found exciting ways to engage other local businesses, vendors and artists in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and State Legislature should work with breweries to development smart and fair laws and regulations that will guide state regulators at the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control on how to oversee the state's craft beer industry; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Clinton strongly opposes the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control's Special Conditions on Limited Brewery Licensees, and requests the conditions be removed immediately; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to neighboring municipalities, the leaders of the New Jersey Legislature and Governor Phil Murphy.