## AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BAYONNE, CHAPTER 17, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Municipal Council of the City of Bayonne, as follows:

**Section 1.** That the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Bayonne, Chapter 17, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, Subsection 14, General Maintenance Requirements, are hereby amended and supplemented as follows (Additions \*\*between asterisks and/or in bold and underlined\*\*, deletions {within brackets and/or struck through}:

## \*\*17-14.14 Fire hydrant obstructions.

- a. No person shall obstruct a fire hydrant in the City by placing against or immediately surrounding the same any posts, fences, vehicles, plants, trees, growth, garbage, rubbish, landscaping materials, rock materials, storage and/or other materials. Structures or objects shall not be placed or kept near fire hydrants, fire department inlet connections or fire protection system control valves (collectively, the "fire protection equipment") in a manner that would prevent fire hydrants and/or other fire protection equipment from being immediately discernible or readily accessible. A three (3) foot clear space shall be maintained around the circumference of fire hydrants and/or other fire protection equipment, including, but not limited to, any automobile, building material or any obstruction of any kind whatsoever, so as to make access to the fire hydrant and/or other fire protection equipment inconvenient or difficult to the Fire Department, without first having obtained written permission from the Chief of the Fire Department.
- b. Any violation of this section shall result in the payment of damages to the City of Bayonne in accordance with the General Provisions of Chapter One.
- c. Enforcement. Violation of any provision of this section shall be cause for an enforcement document to be issued to the violator by the Police Department, Litter Inspector, Parking Enforcement Officers, Health Official, Recycling Coordinator, or any municipal officials designated or authorized by the Department of Public Works, Director of Public Safety or the Health Officer. The recipient of an enforcement document shall be entitled to a hearing in a municipal court having jurisdiction to contest such action.

\*Editor's Note: See also Chapter 3, Police Regulations\*\*