

**BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE
COUNTY OF BERGEN**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 178 OF THE WOODCLIFF LAKE
CODE TO ENSURE ACCESS TO FIRE HYDRANTS**

Section 1. Purpose & Authority. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-1 and 40:49-2, the Borough of Woodcliff Lake hereby amends Chapter 178 of the Woodcliff Lake Code to add Article V, “Access to Fire Hydrants.” The purpose of the amendment is to insure access to fire hydrants by requiring five (5) feet of clear space in all directions around hydrants.

Section 2. Access to Fire Hydrants. Article V, “Access to Fire Hydrants,” is added to Chapter 178 of the Woodcliff Lake Code (new section Chapter 178-37):

(a) To ensure access to fire hydrants in the Borough of Woodcliff Lake for the safety and welfare of the public, a clear area of (5) five feet must be maintained in all directions from the fire hydrant as well as meeting the road side parking requirements.

(b) The owner or lessee of any property within five (5) feet of a fire hydrant shall be responsible maintain five (5) feet of clear space is provided in all directions from the fire hydrant. The requirements of this section shall be completed by the responsible party not later that twenty-four (24) hours after any natural obstruction such as snow shall prevent access to the fire hydrant and within twelve (12) hours of any other type of obstruction.

(c) Upon the failure of any person in maintaining the open space for all fire hydrants in accordance with this section, shall be deemed a violation of the Fire Safety Code and fines may be assessed as provided for elsewhere in the Woodcliff Lake Code.

(d) Any person who is physically unable to comply with this ordinance may submit proof of such inability to the Fire Department. The proof shall be a certification. In such situation, the Fire Department or Department of Public Works will ensure compliance with this ordinance.

Section 3. Repealer. All prior ordinances that are inconsistent with this ordinance are repealed. All ordinances are hereby amended to be consistent with this ordinance and all ordinances, including this one, shall be construed consistent with the express purpose of this ordinance.

Section 4. Savings and Construction. This ordinance shall be construed consistent with the purpose stated in section 1 hereof. Any ambiguities in this ordinance shall be construed in accordance with the purpose of this ordinance. If any part of this ordinance is invalidated by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance shall be saved to the full extent possible. This ordinance repeals provisions of the Borough Code only where stated herein; otherwise this ordinance is amendatory and supplementary to existing provision of the Borough Code.

Section 5. Codification. This ordinance shall be codified as Article V, "Access to Fire Hydrants," Chapter 178-37 of the Woodcliff Lake Code.

Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval and publication of notice of adoption as provided by law.