

TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK

ORDINANCE NO. 1086 - 15

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 161 OF THE
CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK
ENTITLED “STREETS AND SIDEWALKS”**

WHEREAS, Chapter 161 of the Code of the Township of Rochelle Park provides for the mandatory removal of all ice and snow within 24 hours after the same has been formed or fallen; and

WHEREAS, during recent winters and due to the significant snowfall that Northern New Jersey has experienced, a problem has arisen regarding access to fire hydrants by the Rochelle Park Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey state legislature is considering the adoption of legislation addressing this issue; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has determined that it would be in the best interests of the Municipality to adopt an ordinance addressing access to fire hydrants and clearing of snow coverage around fire hydrants in order to protect the health and safety of the residents and tax payers of the Municipality.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION ONE:

Section 167-7(C) is hereby added:

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Clearance of fire hydrants:

The Owner of any real property abutting any fire hydrant shall clear such fire hydrant of snow, within 24 hours of snow coverage. A three (3) foot clearance around the fire hydrant shall be required.

If the party responsible for fire hydrant clearance under this section fails to perform the required clearance within the specified time, the Township, or any department thereof, may perform the clearance and bill the responsible party no more than \$75.00 for this service. This charge shall be in addition to any penalty imposed for the violation of this section, in accordance with the provisions of Section 161-9.

SECTION TWO. **Repealer:**

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency only.

SECTION THREE: **Severability:**

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or other part of this Ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance, but shall be confined in its effects to the section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or other part of this Ordinance directly involved in the controversy in which said judgment shall have been rendered and all other provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION FOUR: **Effective Date:**

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication and in the manner provided by law.

ATTEST:

ELIZABETH KROLL,
Municipal Clerk