

APPENDIX F

Local Ordinance Review

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LOCAL ORDINANCE REVIEW

The Municipal Code of the Borough of Ringwood, also known as "The Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Ringwood, 2005," as amended through August 14, 2007 was reviewed to identify potential additions or changes to the code that would render it more supportive of walking and bicycling. These changes would also support the implementation of the amendments to the Master Plan Circulation Element based on the recommendations contained in this Final Report. The full municipal code was available online at www.ringwood.net and was reviewed in its entirety. The following pages highlight the changes and additions that are recommended:

Chapter VII: TRAFFIC

Section 7-29 MID-BLOCK CROSSWALKS

- Should add language to this section that notes all mid-block pedestrian crosswalks are to be signed, striped and illuminated with pedestrian-scale lighting. The typical area of illumination should span the entire crosswalk, allowing the motorists to see both the pedestrian who are waiting to cross and those who are already crossing.

Section 7-32 BICYCLE ROUTES/LANES

- Should revise the language to eliminate the specified bicycle lane width and replace with generic wording that states bicycle routes or lanes should be designed pursuant to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities.

Section 7-44 COMMUTER PARKING FACILITY

7-44.3 Parking Lot Regulations

- Should add a subsection (say 7-44.3a Minimum Parking Requirements for Bicycles) that includes a minimum parking requirement for the secure, visible and convenient parking of bicycles by means of bicycle racks and/or lockers. The number of such bicycle spaces shall not be less than 10% of automobile parking spaces as specified in the above section and should have a minimum capacity for two bicycles; should it be demonstrated that the proposed use of the development application will generate a greater need for bicycle parking than that provided for herein, the Planning Board may require a reasonable increase in bicycle parking spaces. Bicycle parking facilities shall be of such type and quantity so as to encourage and facilitate the use of the bicycle as a means of transportation by the employees, visitors and customers of the surrounding land uses.

7-44.4 Day Parking

- Should consider revising the language to allow an exemption on weekends (Saturday and Sunday) and municipal holidays.

7-44.5 Hours of Parking

- Should consider revising the language to allow an exemption for parking on weekends (Saturday and Sunday) and municipal holidays until 6pm without the use of a permit.

Chapter XIX: STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

Section 19-4 OBSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

19-4.2 Commercial Establishments and Residences

- Should revise the language to specify that such persons shall also be responsible for trimming back any tree, shrub, or vegetation that is adjacent to the sidewalk and encroaches on the sidewalk and limits and/or impedes pedestrian travel.

Chapter XXXVI: LAND SUBDIVISION

Section 36-2 DEFINITIONS AND WORD USAGE

36-2.1 Definitions

- Should add the following language to this section:

Bikeway – A generic term for any road, street or path or way which is in some manner specifically designated for bicycle travel, regardless of whether such facilities are designated for the exclusive use of bicycles or are to be shared by other transportation modes.

- Should revise the language to add the words “bikeways” and “curbs” to the definition of **Street**.

Section 36-12 IMPROVEMENTS

36-12.1 Requirements

a.1

- Should revise the language to state that curb cuts and curb ramps should be provided in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, as per the New Jersey Department of Transportation Roadway Design Manual and Standard Specifications.

36-14.7 Design Principles

b. 10(b)

- Should add the following language to this section:

All catch basins installed as part of new development and redevelopment or that exist and are in direct contact with repaving, repairing (excluding repair of potholes and seal coating) shall meet the following standards:

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- 1) Bicycle safe grates are detailed in the “NJDOT Standard Roadway construction – Traffic Control – Bridge Construction Details” (CD-603-1.8); or
- 2) A different grate, if it is an approved equal.

Examples of grates subject to this standard include grates in grate inlets, the grate portion (non curb-opening portion) of combination inlets, grates on storm sewer manholes, ditch grates, trench grates, and grates of spacer bars in slotted drains. Examples of ground surfaces include surfaces of roads (including bridges), driveways, parking areas, bikeways, plazas, sidewalks, lawns, fields, open channels, and stormwater basin floors.

Chapter XXXVIII: SITE PLAN REVIEW

Section 38-3 STANDARDS FOR OFF-STREET PARKING AND DRIVEWAYS

38-3.1 Number of Parking Spaces Required

- Should add language to this section that includes a minimum parking requirement for the secure, visible and convenient parking of bicycles by means of bicycle racks and/or lockers. The number of such bicycle spaces shall not be less than 10% of automobile parking spaces as specified in the above section and should have a minimum capacity for two bicycles; provided, however, that should it be demonstrated that the proposed use of the development application will generate a greater need for bicycle parking than that provided for herein, the Planning Board may require a reasonable increase in bicycle parking spaces. Bicycle parking facilities shall be of such type and quantity so as to encourage and facilitate the use of the bicycle as a means of transportation by the employees, visitors and customers of the surrounding land uses.

Chapter XL: ZONING REGULATIONS

Section 40-2 WORD USAGE AND DEFINITIONS

40-2.2 Definitions

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