ORDINANCE NO. 2026-18

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 (TRAFFIC) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FLEMINGTON TO AUTHORIZE THE TEMPORARY REVERSAL OF THE DIRECTION OF TRAFFIC ON BLOOMFIELD AVENUE DURING APPROVED SPECIAL EVENTS AND DECLARED EMERGENCIES

WHEREAS, the Borough Council recognizes that certain planned public events and emergency incidents require temporary modifications to normal traffic patterns to promote the safe and efficient movement of vehicles and pedestrians;

WHEREAS, Bloomfield Avenue serves as a primary eastbound one-way roadway between Broad Street and Spring Street;

WHEREAS, during Borough-approved special events and emergency incidents, temporary westbound operation of Bloomfield Avenue would improve traffic dispersal, emergency access, and public safety;

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to authorize the installation and operation of hinged, reversible traffic control devices that can temporarily modify the traffic pattern while preserving the permanent one-way designation during normal operations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Flemington, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 7 (Traffic) shall be amended as follows:

SECTION I.

Section 7-6.1 is hereby created in Chapter 3 of the municipal code of the Borough of Flemington and shall be entitled “Temporary Reversal of Traffic Flow – Bloomfield Avenue.”

SECTION II.

Section 7-6.1.A is hereby created and shall be entitled “Purpose and Authority” and shall contain the following text (all text novel):

Notwithstanding the permanent one-way designation established elsewhere in Chapter 7, the Chief of Police, or the Chief's designee, is authorized to temporarily reverse the direction of travel on Bloomfield Avenue between Broad Street and Spring Street for Borough-approved special events, planned traffic operations, public gatherings, declared emergencies, emergency incidents, or other circumstances where necessary to protect public health, safety, and welfare.

SECTION III.

Section 7-6.1.B is hereby created and shall be entitled “Temporary Traffic Pattern” and shall contain the following text (all text novel):

When activated, traffic shall be permitted to travel westbound from Broad Street to Spring Street for the duration established by the Chief of Police or their designee. Traffic shall not travel past Spring Street towards Main Street.

SECTION IV.

Section 7-6.1.C is hereby created and shall be entitled “Reversible Traffic Control Devices” and shall contain the following text (all text novel):

The Borough may install and deploy MUTCD-compliant hinged traffic control devices or other traffic control devices as deemed appropriate and necessary to facilitate the safe and orderly reversal of traffic flow consistent with the meaning and intent of this provision.

SECTION V.

Section 7-6.1.D is hereby created and shall be entitled “Authorized Personnel” and shall contain the following text (all text novel):

Only members of the Flemington Borough Police Department, Department of Public Works, Office of Emergency Management, or other personnel specifically authorized by the Chief of Police may activate or deactivate the hinged traffic control devices.

SECTION VI.

Section 7-6.1.E is hereby created and shall be entitled “Coordination” and shall contain the following text (all text novel):

The Chief of Police shall coordinate any required approvals with Hunterdon County and the New Jersey Department of Transportation when applicable.

SECTION VII.

Section 7-6.1.F is hereby created and shall be entitled “Enforcement” and shall contain the following text (all text novel):

While activated, motorists shall obey the temporary traffic control devices and the lawful directions of police officers or other authorized personnel. Violations shall be enforceable pursuant to applicable New Jersey law.

SECTION VII. If any part of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance.

SECTION VIII. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, or clause of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reasons, the remaining portions of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

SECTION IX. This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication in the manner prescribed by New Jersey general law.

I, Carla Conner, Borough Clerk, hereby certify that the Ordinance #2026-18 published herewith was introduced on first reading at a meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Flemington, County of Hunterdon, held October 13, 2026. The Ordinance will be further considered for final adoption after Public Hearing, at a meeting of the Governing Body to be held in the Flemington Borough Hall, 38 Park Avenue, Flemington, NJ 08822, on October 26, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. Copies of this ordinance shall be made available in the Municipal Clerk's office to members of the general public who shall request same.

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Carla Conner, Borough Clerk