

**TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**ORDINANCE #1263-26**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 160 ENTITLED “STORMWATER MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS” OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 160 of the Code of the Township of Rochelle Park sets forth all regulations regarding Stormwater Management Regulations in the Township of Rochelle Park; and,

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Rochelle Park, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that those portions of the aforesaid set forth below are hereby amended as follows and that those portions of the Ordinance not set forth below shall remain unchanged.

**Art. IX entitled Refuse Containers and Dumpsters.**

**Sec. 160-46. Findings and Purpose.**

A. An article requiring dumpsters and other refuse containers that are outdoors or exposed to stormwater to be covered at all times and prohibits the spilling, dumping, leaking, or otherwise discharge of liquids, semi-liquids or solids from the containers to the municipal separate storm sewer system(s) operated by the Township of Rochelle Park and/or the State of New Jersey or the County of Bergen.

B. The Township Committee finds that reasonable standards governing the placement, screening, and enclosure of dumpsters serve the public health, safety, and general welfare, including by promoting an appropriate visual environment and discouraging conditions that may contribute to congestion or blight.

C. The Township Committee further finds that land-use regulations must be exercised for the general welfare.

D. Statutory and Constitutional Authority.

This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority of the Legislature to enact general laws under which municipalities may adopt zoning ordinances regulating buildings, structures, and the nature and extent of the uses of land, as an exercise of the police power of the State.

E. This Ordinance is further adopted pursuant to the Township's authority to make, amend, repeal, and enforce ordinances to license and regulate businesses and the places and premises in which business is conducted.

**Sec. 160-47. Definitions; word usage.**

Commercial Property means any non-residential property used for commercial, retail, office, industrial, institutional, or other business purposes

Dumpster means any roll-off container, front-load container, rear-load container, compactor container, or similar refuse container used for the storage, collection, or removal of solid waste, construction debris, or similar materials.

Screened or Enclosed means fully screened from view or fully enclosed by a structure, fence, wall, or combination thereof, designed and maintained so that the dumpster is not visible from the street.

Public Street means any public roadway, street, avenue, lane, right-of-way, or other public way under the jurisdiction of the Township.

Permit means a written authorization issued by the Township (or its designated official/department) allowing placement of a dumpster on a Public Street subject to conditions.

**Sec. 160-50. Enforcement.**

A. This article shall be enforced by the Township's designated code enforcement official(s), police department, or other authorized personnel.

B. Violations may be addressed by written notice, summons, and any other remedies authorized by the Township Code and applicable law.

C. Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

**Sec. 160-52. Commercial Dumpster Screening and Enclosure.**

A. All Commercial Properties utilizing dumpsters shall screen or enclose each dumpster so that it is not visible from the street.

B. Screening and enclosure shall be maintained in good condition and shall be kept in a manner that continues to prevent visibility of the dumpster from the street.

C. No dumpster serving a Commercial Property shall be placed, stored, or maintained in a location visible from the street unless and until it is screened or enclosed in compliance with this Article.

**Sec. 160-53. Residential Temporary Dumpsters; Private Property Requirement; Street Placement by Permit Only.**

A. Any resident utilizing a dumpster for construction, renovations, or cleanouts shall keep the dumpster on private property to the maximum extent practicable.

B. If a resident seeks to place a dumpster on a Public Street, the resident shall first apply for and obtain a Permit from the Township.

C. A dumpster placed on a Public Street pursuant to a Permit may remain on the Public Street for a maximum of 48 hours.

D. The 48-hour period shall run from the time the dumpster is placed on the Public Street, as stated in the Permit or as otherwise determined by the Township's designated official.

E. Placement of a dumpster on a Public Street without a Permit, or for longer than 48 hours, is prohibited.

**Sec. 160-54. Permit Administration; Conditions.**

A. The Township (or its designated official/department) is authorized to establish a permit application form and reasonable administrative procedures consistent with this Article.

B. Any Permit issued under this Article may include reasonable conditions concerning placement location, hours of delivery and removal, protection of pavement/curbs/sidewalks, maintenance of safe passage, and any other conditions necessary to protect public safety and property.

C. The Township may revoke a Permit for noncompliance with this Article or with any Permit condition, and may require immediate removal of the dumpster from the Public Street upon revocation.

**Sec. 160-55. Planning Board Referral (If Applicable)**

To the extent this amendment is deemed a development regulation, revision, or amendment, the proposed amendment shall be referred to the Planning Board for report to the governing body consistent with the procedures applicable to such referrals, and the governing body shall review any timely report and record in its minutes the reasons for not following any recommendation it does not adopt..

Severability.

If any section, subsection, clause, or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Repealer.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon final approval and publication, pursuant to law, and upon completion of all outstanding cases.

**NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ordinance #1263-26, was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of Rochelle Park, held on March 11, 2026 and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a meeting held on March 25, 2026 at 7:00 PM, in the Township of Rochelle Park Municipal Building, at which time all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning such Ordinance.

By order of the Mayor and Township Committee  
Gina S. Kim, RMC/CMC  
Township Clerk