



**TOWN OF DOVER
NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE NO. 12-2026**

The following Ordinance published herewith was submitted in writing, introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Municipal Council of the Town of Dover in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, held on 07-21-2026.

The public hearing for consideration for final passage of this ordinance will be held at a meeting of the Municipal Council in the Dover Municipal Building, 37 North Sussex Street, Dover, NJ 07801 on 08-18-2026 at 6:00 P.M.

During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said Ordinance will be made available at the Office of the Municipal Clerk in said Town of Dover, to the members of the general public who shall request same.

ORDINANCE NO. 12-2026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DOVER, COUNTY OF MORRIS, THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING THE TOWN OF DOVER'S DOWNTOWN PAY-TO-PARK METER RATES

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. § 39:4-197(1)(g) authorizes municipalities to pass, adopt and amend ordinances regulating the parking of vehicles upon land owned or leased and maintained by the municipality or a parking authority; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Dover, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, hereby adopts Ordinance 12-2026 of the Town of Dover as follows:

Section 1. Purpose.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish rates and time limitations for the Town of Dover's municipal-owned parking, to improve the Town of Dover Parking Utility System.

Section 2. Short-Term Parking Zones

- A. The Town of Dover designates certain metered parking spaces as the Town's Short-Term Parking zones, the locations of which are specified on the Town of Dover's Parking Maps, as well as by signage posted by and around such zones.
- B. Parking in Short-Term Parking Lots and Spaces shall be subject to following rates and time limitations:
 - 1. The parking fee for all short-term parking in the Town of Dover shall be twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per every fifteen minutes of a given parking session, which shall not exceed a maximum of forty-five consecutive minutes.

2. The maximum 45-minute parking period shall be followed by a 45-minute lockout period, during which an additional parking session may not be initiated for that same vehicle in the Short-Term parking zone.

Section 3. Downtown Parking.

- A. All municipal-owned Downtown parking areas, as specified by the Town's Parking Maps, shall be subject to the following rates and time limitations:
 1. The parking fee for all short-term parking in the Town of Dover shall be twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per every fifteen minutes (equivalent to \$1.00 per hour), which shall not exceed a maximum of three (3) hours.
 2. The maximum allowed parking period in the Town's Downtown parking lots shall be followed by a 45-minute lockout period, during which an additional parking session may not be initiated for that same vehicle in the Downtown parking zone.

Section 4. Commuter Lots.

- A. All municipal-owned Commuter lots and parking areas, as designated by the Town's Parking Maps, shall maintain spaces available at the rate of one dollar (\$1.00) per hour and shall be subject to the time limitations as provided under Chapter 373 of the Town Code, and all relevant signage and maps.

Section 5. Hours of Enforcement.

- A. Paid parking regulations shall be enforced in all municipal-owned parking zones and lots Monday through Saturday.
- B. Notwithstanding the same, excluding between the hours of 2:00 a.m. – 6:00 a.m. in Downtown parking areas, during which time parking in such zone is prohibited.
- C. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to supersede any adopted parking prohibition or regulation, including but not limited to overnight parking restrictions, temporary parking restrictions, emergency parking restrictions, or any other restrictions established by ordinance or resolution of the governing body.

Section 6. Severability.

If any portion of this ordinance shall be deemed invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder shall survive in full force and effect.

Section 7. Repealer.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances or resolutions inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 8. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption and publication in accordance with law.

Tara M. Pettoni, RMC
Municipal Clerk
Date: 07-23-2026