CITY OF BRIGANTINE ORDINANCE NO. 15 OF 2025

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE CERTAIN FINES AND PENALTIES PAYABLE OFFENSES

WHEREAS, the City Manager, in consultation with various municipal officials, determined that several sections of the Code require amendment to address payable fines;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Brigantine in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, that the City Code is amended and supplemented as follows:

ARTICLE I. Amendment to Chapter 105-6(G)

This City Council that Chapter 105-6(G) shall read as follows:

"Violations for driving on the beaches in the City of Brigantine without a valid 4x4 Permit shall be punishable through a payable fine of \$350. If the offending party wishes to appear in Municipal Court and plead not guilty to the citation, the matter will be heard before the Court and upon conviction, the offending party shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$2,000, by imprisonment for a term not to exceed 90 days or by community service of not more than 90 days, or any combination of fine, imprisonment or community service as determined in the discretion of the Municipal Court Judge. Any person found guilty of a second and/or subsequent offense may be prohibited from accessing municipal beaches or recreational areas for a one-year period commencing on the date of conviction. Any vehicle found in violation of any section of this article is subject to be removed from the beach area on order of any officer charged with enforcement of this article. Any vehicle which presents a hazard to safety, navigation or property may also be removed. All costs for such removal shall be the responsibility of the operator, permittee, or registered owner of the vehicle."

ARTICLE II. Amendment to Chapter 91-5

This City Council that Chapter 91-5 shall read as follows:

"Violations for consumption in public in the City of Brigantine shall be punishable with a fine of \$150. If the offending party wishes to appear in Municipal Court and plead not guilty to the citation, the matter will be heard before the Court and upon conviction, the offending party shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$2,000, by imprisonment for a term not to exceed 90 days or by community service of not more than 90 days, or any combination of fine, imprisonment or community service as determined in the discretion of the Municipal Court Judge. Any person found guilty of a second and/or subsequent offense may be prohibited from accessing municipal beaches or recreational areas for a one-year period commencing on the date of conviction."

ARTICLE III. Repealer, Severability, and Effective Date.

- A. Repealer. Any and all Ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistencies.
- B. Severability. In the event that any clause, section, paragraph or sentence of this Ordinance is deemed to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, then the City Council hereby declares its intent that the balance of the Ordinance not affected by said invalidity shall remain in full force and effect to the extent that it allows the City to meet the goals of the Ordinance.
- C. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon proper passage in accordance with the law.

Councilman Lettieri

ACTION ON INTRODUCTION:

Motion made by:

Motion seconded by:	Councilman Virgilio			
VOTE ON INTRODUCTION:				
Deputy Mayor Bew:				
Councilman Lettieri:				
Councilman Haney:				
Councilman Virgilio				
Councilman Kane:				
Councilman Riordan:				
Mayor Sera:				
ACTION ON ADOPTION (after public hearing)				
Motion made by:	Councilman Kane			
Motion seconded by:	Councilman Virgilio			
VOTE ON ADOPTION:				
Deputy Mayor Bew:				
Councilman Lettieri:				
Councilman Haney:				

Councilman Virgilio	⊠ Yes	□No	☐ Abstain ☐ Not Present
Councilman Kane:	⊠ Yes	□No	☐ Abstain ☐ Not Present
Councilman Riordan:	⊠ Yes	□No	☐ Abstain ☐ Not Present
Mayor Sera:	⊠ Yes	□No	☐ Abstain ☐ Not Present
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	Vince Sera, Mayor		

I certify that this ordinance was introduced at a properly advertised public meeting on May 7, 2025, published pursuant to law and the subject of a second reading and public hearing on May 21, 2025 prior to final adoption.

Christine Murray, Acting City Clerk

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