

TOWNSHIP OF VERNON

ORDINANCE NO. 25-10

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 409,
PARKING FOR GOLD STAR FAMILIES, OF THE CODE
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERNON.**

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Vernon would like to acknowledge the significant sacrifices that the families of those who have served in our armed forces and gave their lives for our country, not go unrecognized; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 39:3-10(f)(6) and N.J.S.A. 39:3-27-141, any verified “Gold Star Family Member”, which means a spouse, parent, brother, sister, child, legal guardian, or other legal custodian, whether of the whole or half blood or by adoption, of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or National Guard, who lost his or her life while on active duty for the United States, with a Gold Star license plate or a placard issued by the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, may park in designated spaces for a period not to exceed twenty-four (24) hours; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to honor those men and woman who served in our armed forces and Gold Star families whose loved one gave their lives for this country, the Township Council of the Township of Vernon finds that it is appropriate to establish a parking program to reserve certain public parking spaces for the exclusive use of these families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon, County of Sussex, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 409, Parking for Gold Star Families, is hereby enacted as follows:

“409-1. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following term shall have the meanings indicated:

- A. “Gold Star Family member” means a spouse, parent, brother, sister, child, legal guardian, or other legal custodian, whether of the whole or half blood or by adoption, of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States or National Guard, who lost his or her life while on active duty for the United States.”

409-2. Courtesy parking spaces for Gold Star Family Members.

Courtesy parking spaces for Gold Star Family members displaying Gold Star license plates pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:3-27.141, or license indicating Gold Star Family member pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:3-10(f)(6):

- A. Parking spaces shall be designated for Gold Star Family members at the following parking lots in Vernon Township:

- 1) One (1) parking space in the Township Municipal Complex;
- 2) One (1) parking space in the Maple Gange Park; and
- 3) Two (2) parking spaces in the Veterans Memorial Park.

409-3. Violations and Penalties.

Any person without the appropriate designated Gold Star Family member license plate or placard violating or failing to comply with any of the provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be punishable by a fine of not more than \$200 for a first offense, and a fine of \$300 for a second and/or subsequent violation.”

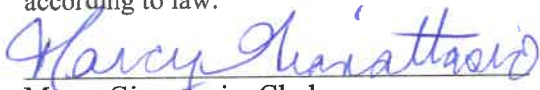
SECTION 2. All other Ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to such inconsistency.

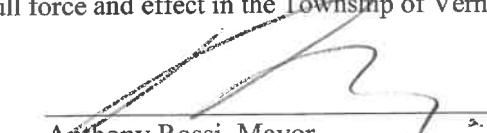
SECTION 3. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication according to law.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the above Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at the Meeting of the Township Council held on July 14, 2025, and the same came up for final passage and was adopted at the Meeting of the Township Council held on August 11, 2025 at which time all persons interested were given an opportunity to be heard. The above ordinance will be in full force and effect in the Township of Vernon according to law.


 Marcy Gianattasio, Clerk
 Township of Vernon


 Anthony Rossi, Mayor

Township of Vernon

INTRODUCED: July 14, 2025

NAME	M	S	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Buccieri, N.			X			
DeBenedetto, J.			X			
Higgins, W.		X	X			
Sparta, B.	X		X			
Rizzuto, P.			X			

ADOPTED: August 11, 2025

NAME	M	S	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Buccieri, N.	X		X			
DeBenedetto, J.			X			
Higgins, W.		X	X			
Sparta, B.						X
Rizzuto, P.			X			