

**BOROUGH OF WEST PATERSON  
ORDINANCE 06-08**

***AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATED WITHIN CHAPTER XXIII OF THE  
ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF WEST PATERSON  
WHICH SHALL BE KNOWN AS “STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIORMENTAL PROTECTION, STORMWATER COMPLIANCE”***

**LITTER CONTROL**

**SECTION I. Purpose:**

An ordinance to establish requirements to control littering in the Borough of West Paterson so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply.

**SECTION II. Definitions:**

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word “shall” is always mandatory and not merely discretionary.

- a. Litter – any used or unconsumed substance or waste material which has been discarded, whether made of aluminum, glass, plastic, rubber, paper, or other natural or synthetic material, or any combination thereof, including, but not limited to, any bottle, jar or can, or any top cap or detachable tab of any bottle, jar or can, any unlighted cigarette, cigar, match or any flaming or glowing material or any garbage, trash, refuse, debris, rubbish, grass clippings or other lawn or garden waste, newspapers, magazines, glass, metal, plastic or paper containers or other packaging or construction material, but does not include the waste of the primary processes of mining or other extraction processes, logging, sawmilling, farming or manufacturing.
- b. Litter Receptacle – a container suitable for the depositing of litter.
- c. Person – any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.

**SECTION III. Prohibited acts and regulated activities:**

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to throw, drop, discard or otherwise place any litter of any nature upon public or private property other than in a litter receptacle, or having done so, to allow such litter to remain.
2. Whenever any litter is thrown or discarded or allowed to fall from a vehicle or boat in violation of this ordinance, the operator or owner, or both, of the motor vehicle or boat shall also be deemed to have violated this ordinance.

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**SECTION IV. Enforcement:**

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Police Dept. and/or Code Enforcement of the Borough of West Paterson.

**SECTION V. Penalties:**

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

**SECTION VII. Effective Date:**

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.

**INTRODUCED:      October 18, 2006**

**ADOPTED:            November 22, 2006**