

**BOROUGH OF WOODLAND PARK  
COUNTY OF PASSAIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**ORDINANCE No. 11-12**

**AN ORDINANCE MAKING THE PROVISIONS OF NEW JERSEY STATUTES ANNOTATED 40A:9-12.1(g) APPLICABLE TO THE BOROUGH OF WOODLAND PARK IN ORDER TO CONTROL AND MAINTAIN THE ATTENDANCE OF ALL PUBLIC OFFICIALS AT PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD BY THE BOROUGH.**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Woodland Park, in the County of Passaic and state of New Jersey as follows:

The Borough of Woodland Park hereby seeks to adopt the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-12.1(g) to allow the Borough to set standards for attendance at all public meetings held by the Borough;

**SECTION I.**

The Borough of Woodland Park, a Municipal Entity established under N.J.S.A. 59:1-1 et. seq., has consented to have the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-12.1(g) made applicable to the Borough of Woodland Park in the following manner:

**1. Attendance at Public Meetings:**

A. General Rule-N.J.S.A. 40A:9-12.1(g)

If a member of a public Board or Commission fails to attend and participate at meetings for a period of 8 consecutive weeks or 4 consecutive regular meetings, whichever shall be longer, the member shall be removed from the Board. The Board may also set a lower absentee threshold at its discretion.

Absences based upon a “legitimate illness” are exempted.

The Board may immediately fill the position once it is determined that a member is in violation of the attendance rules.

B. Woodland Park Absentee Policy

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:9-12.1(g), the Borough of Woodland Park hereby declares that any member of Board or Commission within the Borough who fails to attend 3 consecutive meetings will be removed from the Board unless there is written evidence documenting a legitimate illness.

**SECTION II.**

The penalty for violation of this Ordinance shall be immediate removal from the public Board.

**SECTION III.**

If any part of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion(s) of the Ordinance.

**SECTION IV.**

This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law and approval by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodland Park.

**Introduced:** June 15, 2011

**Adopted:** July 20, 2011