

NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF LAKEWOOD

Public Notice is hereby given that Ordinance, 2020-013, the title of which is listed below, was introduced, upon first reading, at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Lakewood, in the County of Ocean, and State of New Jersey, on March 5, 2020. Said Ordinance will be further considered for final passage by the Township Committee in the Municipal Building, 231 Third Street, Lakewood, New Jersey at 5:30 PM on April 2, 2020, or any time or place to which said meeting may be adjourned, where all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard. A copy of this ordinance in its entirety may be obtained at the Clerk's Office in the Municipal Building, 231 Third Street, Lakewood, New Jersey.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAKEWOOD,
COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RELEASING,
EXTINGUISHING AND VACATING THE RIGHTS OF THE
PUBLIC TO A RIGHT OF WAY LOCATED ON A PORTION OF A
PAPER STREET KNOWN AS READ PLACE IN THE TOWNSHIP
OF LAKEWOOD**

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40:67-1(b)* and *N.J.S.A. 40:67-19*, the Township Committee may, by ordinance, vacate any public street or portion thereof, dedicated to public use, but not accepted by the Township, whether or not the same, or any part, has been actually opened or improved; and

WHEREAS, a portion of Read Place in the Township of Lakewood is a 200 ft. long paper street. An unimproved right of way portion is located in the westerly end of the of the improved portion of Read Place northwest of its intersection with Albert Avenue; and

WHEREAS, this portion of Read Place described in the attached Exhibit A has been determined to be unnecessary for public use; and

WHEREAS, by memo dated January 28, 2020, the Planning Board Administrator supported the vacation of this portion of Read Place hereinafter described provided that Lot 4 and Lot 5 in Block 827 are consolidated; and

WHEREAS, the owners of said Lots 4 and 5 have agreed to said consolidation; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Township Committee as follows:

- (1) That a portion of Read Place described in the attached Exhibit A is not needed for public road purposes; and
- (2) That a portion of Read Place lends itself to higher and better use than for public road purposes and that it is in the best interest of the general public and the Township of Lakewood that the rights and interests in and to same shall as a public right of way be vacated, released and extinguished; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40:67-1(b)*, the Township Committee must, by Ordinance, preserve the right of public utilities to maintain, repair and replace their existing utility facilities, including cable television facilities, in, adjacent to, over, or under the property or right-of-way to be vacated;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. All public easements, right and interests in the portion of Read Place as described in the attached Exhibit A are hereby vacated, released and extinguished except for all rights and privileges now possessed by public utilities, as defined in *N.J.S.A. 48:2-13*, and by any Cable Television Company, as defined in the "Cable Television Act," *N.J.S.A. 48:5A-1 et seq.*, to maintain, repair and replace their existing facilities in, adjacent to, over or under the street, or any part thereof, to be vacated subject to the conditions described herein; all conditions, unless otherwise noted, shall be satisfied prior to said vacation being effective.

SECTION 2. The Township Clerk shall publish, this ordinance, after being introduced and having passed a first reading, at least once not less than ten (10) days instead of one (1) week prior to the time fixed for further consideration for final passage, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40:49-6*.

SECTION 3. The Township Clerk shall, at least one (1) week prior to the time fixed for final passage of such ordinance, mail a copy thereof, together with a notice of the introduction thereof, and the time and place when and where the ordinance will be further considered for final passage, to every person whose lands may be affected by the ordinance or any assessment which may be made in pursuance thereof, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40:49-6*.

SECTION 4. The Township Clerk shall within sixty (60) days after such ordinance becomes effective file a certified copy of the ordinance vacating the street with the office of the County Clerk in a special book set aside for dedications and vacations, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40:67-21*.

SECTION 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 6. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or any part of this ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this ordinance not directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with law.