

# ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON, NEW JERSEY

No. MC 3859

Effective Date APRIL 2, 2024

Dated MAR. 11, 2024

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY ON THE BASIS OF FACTS SET FORTH BY \_\_\_\_\_

*[Signature]*  
Legislative Research Officer

COUNCIL MEMBER VICK presents the following Ordinance SECONDED COX

An Ordinance to Amend Section 620 of the Township of Irvington's General Ordinances to Prohibit "Blocking the Box"

- a. No driver shall enter an intersection unless there is sufficient space on the other side of the intersection to accommodate the vehicle he/she is operating without obstructing the passage of other vehicles or pedestrians, notwithstanding any traffic control signal indication to proceed.
- b. All intersections within the Township of Irvington shall be designated as "Don't Block the Box" intersections, and appropriate striping and signage shall be provided.
- c. This section is consistent with and amplifies N.J.S.A. 39:4-67, by authorizing the installation of signage to be designed for this purpose an erected at intersection
- d. There shall be a minimum penalty of \$ 250 for violation of this section.

### RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE

X = Indicates Vote    N.V. = No Vote    A.B. = Absent    X.O.R. = Indicates Vote to Override Veto

COUNCIL MEMBER	YES	NO	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCIL MEMBER	YES	NO	N.V.	A.B.
BROWN	X				HUDLEY, 1 <sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT	X			
COX	X				VICK	X			
EVANS	X				BEASLEY, PRESIDENT	X			
FREDERIC, 2 <sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT	X								

Ordinance on First Reading Date FEB 26 2024 Council Adopted on Second Reading Date MAR 11 2024

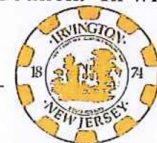
MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_ Date 3/13/24 Approved  Rejected \_\_\_\_\_

Reconsidered by Council - Override Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Override \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCIL PRESIDENT Amellah Z. Beasley

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an Ordinance duly adopted by the Municipal Council. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the Corporate Seal of the Township of Irvington.

MUNICIPAL CLERK Shawna M. Ansel DATE 3/13/24





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*John A. Wiggins, P.E., P.P.,*  
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**TO:** Althea Headley, Purchasing Agent/ Assistant Business Administrator  
Shawna Supel, Municipal Clerk

**FROM:** John A. Wiggins, P.E., P.P., Township Engineer

**Date:** February 8, 2024

**RE: Proposed Traffic Ordinance –  
“Blocking the Box”**

I was asked to study and prepare an ordinance to prevent vehicles from blocking intersections during traffic light changes and similar situations. The impetus for this is increase pedestrian safety and traffic congestions when vehicles are caught in an intersection between changes of traffic lights.

In researching this situation, I came across an ordinance from another municipality that addressed the problem on a town-wide basis, rather than dealing with the problem on an intersection by intersection basis.

A copy of that ordinance is attached.

Please let me know if you have any questions with respect to the above.

**Attachments**

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