

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD, NJ
ORDINANCE NO. 7-2023**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 233, ARTICLE II, SECTION
233-5 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NORTHFIELD GOVERNING USE
OF POWER LAWN EQUIPMENT**

WHEREAS, the City of Northfield adopted Ordinance 12-2009 on August 11, 2009, which is codified in Chapter 233 of the City of Northfield Code; and

WHEREAS, Article II of Chapter 233 of the Code of the City of Northfield addresses unusual noises between certain hours; and

WHEREAS, Subsection 233-5 deals with the use of power lawn equipment by any person or business entity; and

WHEREAS, golf courses and country clubs require operation of power lawn cutting and other kinds of lawn maintenance as part of their ordinary and necessary business operations to prepare the course for early morning golfers, particularly during the holidays and warmer season; and

WHEREAS, adjacent residents and neighbors are entitled to reasonably scheduled use of such power lawn cutting and lawn maintenance equipment so as to preserve their right of peace and quiet; and

~~**WHEREAS**, golf is of important historical significance to Northfield community;~~

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, Part II, Chapter 233, Article II, Subsection 233-5 of the Code of the City of Northfield is amended to insert the following provisions as follows:

1) **§ 233-5 A: Golf Course Exemption**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter to the contrary, any private golf course, public golf course, and country club operating with the City of Northfield shall be permitted to begin using power equipment for the maintenance of lawns, trees, hedges, edging and other power landscaping equipment beginning at 7:00am.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter to the contrary, during the period of time between and including the Saturday preceding Memorial Day to Labor Day, any private golf course, public golf course, and country club operating with the City of Northfield shall be permitted to begin using such equipment at 6:00 am on weekends (that term defined herein as Friday, Saturday and Sunday) and state and federal holidays and 6:30 am on non-holiday weekdays.

- 2) This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in the manner prescribed by law.
- 3) **Repealer.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.
- 4) **Severability.** If any Section or part of this Ordinance is deemed to be invalid or illegal in any Court of competent jurisdiction then said part is severable from the Ordinance as a whole and the remaining sections or parts of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk

Erland Chau, Mayor

The above Ordinance was introduced and passed on its first reading at a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Northfield, New Jersey held on May 2, 2023 and will be taken up for a second reading, public hearing and final passage at a meeting of said Council held May 16, 2023 in Council Chambers, City Hall, Northfield, New Jersey.

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