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TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP, ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, TO AMEND CHAPTER 122 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP, ENTITLED "LAUNDRIES AND DRY-CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS". (Sponsored by Council Member Tency A. Eason).

WHEREAS, Chapter 122 of the Code of the City of Orange Township ("Municipal Code"), entitled "Laundries and Dry-Cleaning Establishments" currently permits laundromats, launderettes, and self-service dry-cleaning establishments (as those terms are defined therein) to remain open 24-hours per day, 7 days per week, so long as an attendant is on-premises between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.; and,

WHEREAS, despite the mandated presence of attendants on-premises at a laundromat, launderette or self-service dry-cleaning establishment that is open to the public between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., such businesses have become popular locations for loitering and other deleterious behavior; and,

WHEREAS, in an effort to balance the health and safety of the public with the need for such establishments to be open and accessible to residents of the City of Orange Township at times convenient to them, the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township seeks to amend the Municipal Code to modify operating requirements and hours regulations consistent with that purpose.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP, ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY as follows:

Section 1 Amendment to Municipal Code.

Part II, Chapter 122 (Laundries and Dry-Cleaning Establishments) of the Municipal Code, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

§ 122-8 Operating requirements for self-service dry-cleaning establishments.

A. Before any person shall engage in or be given a license to engage in and operate a coin-operated dry-cleaning establishment, ~~he~~ that person shall comply with the following:

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- (13) A step-by-step instruction list shall be posted in a conspicuous location near the machine for customer use. ~~{ A competent, trained operator shall be present or on call as long as the premises are open for business. }~~

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(UNDERSCORES ARE ADDITIONS, {BRACED STRIKEOUTS} ARE DELETIONS)

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§ 122-9 Attendant~~{required on premises}~~; hours of operation.

~~{Subject to the provisions of § 122-8A(13), it shall be unlawful for any}~~No laundromat, launderette or self-service dry-cleaning establishment shall open for business before 7:00 a.m. and/or remain open for business after 12:00 a.m. on any day, and a competent, trained attendant shall either be present or on-call at all times while the business is open to the public~~{to remain open between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., unless an attendant shall be on the premises}~~. Administrative functions necessary and incidental to operation of a laundromat, launderette or self-service dry-cleaning establishment (e.g., cleaning, stocking, accounting, maintenance, etc.) may be conducted after 12:00 a.m. and/or before 7:00 a.m. on any day, so long as the business is not open to the public during those hours.

Section 2 Severability of Ordinance Provisions.

Each Section of this Ordinance is an independent Section and any part hereof found unconstitutional, void or ineffective for any cause shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other parts hereof.

Section 3 Conflicts and Inconsistencies.

All other Ordinances and parts of Ordinances that conflict or are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, but only to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.

Section 4 Effective Date.

Following final passage, this Ordinance shall take effect upon the expiration of 20 days after publication, unless otherwise provided by the Municipal Council.

PURPOSE: To amend regulations governing operation of laundromats, launderettes and self-service dry-cleaning establishments located within the City of Orange Township.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

Adopted:

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City Clerk

Tency A. Eason
Council President

Approved:

Dwayne D. Warren, Esq.
Mayor