

**BOROUGH OF BLOOMSBURY  
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**ORDINANCE NO. 116-05**

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING PEDOPHILE-FREE ZONES WITHIN  
THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMSBURY**

WHEREAS, there are presently no State laws which concern or touch upon the prohibition of convicted sex offenders from residing or living near areas where children regularly meet and congregate; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council believes it is in its resident's best interest to adopt legislation to protect the health, safety and welfare of the children of the Borough of Bloomsbury; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Bloomsbury that the following language be incorporated within the Code of the Borough of Bloomsbury:

**SEX OFFENDER RESIDENCY PROHIBITION**

A. No person over the age of 18 who has been convicted of a violation of any crime against a minor as listed in NJSA 2C:7-2 and who as a result of said conviction is required to register with the proper authorities pursuant to NJSA 2C:7-1 et seq., Registration and Notification of Release of Certain Offenders, shall be permitted to reside or live within 3,000 feet of any school, park, playground or day care center in the Borough of Bloomsbury. (hereinafter "Prohibited Area").

B. A Sex Offender who resides within a Prohibited Area established pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance shall have sixty (60) days from the effective date of this ordinance, or upon termination of any residential lease entered into prior to the effective date of this ordinance and the term of which is not longer than one (1) year, whichever is later, to relocate outside the Prohibited Area. Failure to move to a location which is in compliance with this section within the prescribed time period shall constitute a violation of this ordinance.

C. The provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to any Sex Offender who has purchased property to be used as his/her primary residence which is located within the Prohibited Area prior to the effective date of this ordinance.

D. Each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase of this ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this ordinance to be unconstitutional, void or ineffective for any cause or reason shall not affect any other portion of this ordinance.

E. Any violation of this section shall be punishable by one or more of the following penalties: a fine not exceeding \$1,200.00; imprisonment for a term not exceeding ninety (90) days; a period of community service not exceeding ninety (90) days.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication according to law.

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Mark R. Peck, Mayor

Attest:

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Lisa A. Burd,  
Acting Borough Clerk

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