

Chapter 21**COURT, MUNICIPAL**

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[**HISTORY: Adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wood-Ridge 12-26-1975 by Ord. No. 700 as Section 2-3 of Chapter II of the 1975 Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Wood-Ridge. Section 21-1 amended at time of adoption of Code; see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. III. Other amendments noted where applicable.**]

§ 21-1. **Establishment. [Amended 10-20-1986 by Ord. No. 86-16]**

There shall be a Municipal Court in the borough pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2A:8-1 et seq.,¹ to be known as the "Municipal Court of the Borough of Wood-Ridge." The Municipal Court shall have a Seal bearing the impress of the name of the Court. The Court shall be held in the Council Chambers. The Municipal Judge shall sit on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 7:30 p.m. until the calendar is completed and at such other

¹ Editor's Note: Repealed by L. 1993, c. 293, § 6; see now § 2B:12-1 et seq.

times as the business of the Court may require, subject to the rules applicable to Municipal Courts.

§ 21-2. Municipal Judge.

There shall be a Municipal Judge of the Municipal Court who shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council. The Judge shall serve for a term of three (3) years from the date of his appointment and until his successor is appointed and qualified. His salary shall be as provided for in the Salary Ordinances adopted by the Mayor and Council and shall be in lieu of all fees, costs or any other allowances whatsoever.

§ 21-3. Powers and duties.

The Municipal Court and the Municipal Judge shall have, possess and exercise all the functions, powers, duties and jurisdiction conferred by the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2A:8, as amended and supplemented, or any other law.

§ 21-4. Municipal Court Clerk.

There shall be a Clerk of the Municipal Court, who shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council. His salary shall be as provided for in the Salary Ordinances adopted by the Mayor and Council and shall be in lieu of all fees, costs and any other allowances whatsoever. The Municipal Court Clerk shall perform the functions and duties prescribed for him by law, the rules applicable to Municipal Courts and by the Municipal Judge.

§ 21-5. Violations Clerk.

There shall be a Violations Clerk of the Municipal Court who, under the direction of the Municipal Court Clerk, shall:

- A. Perform the necessary clerical work in relation to appearances, waivers of trial, pleas of guilty and payment of fines and costs in traffic violations.
- B. Keep proper records and entries of summonses, amounts of fines and their classification in such books or other records and machines provided for this purpose, the names and addresses of persons fined and dates of payment.
- C. Prepare reports periodically concerning traffic violations and other cases and perform all other duties which the Municipal Court Clerk shall from time to time prescribe, order and direct.

§ 21-6. Municipal Public Defender. [Added 6-20-1994 by Ord. No. 94-14]

- A. There shall be a Municipal Public Defender to provide for appointment by the Municipal Court for the representation of persons entitled by law to the appointment of counsel.
- B. Said Public Defender shall be appointed by the Council for the term of one year beginning January 1 of each year.
- C. The Public Defender shall be an attorney at law and member in good standing of the Bar of the State of New Jersey.
- D. The Public Defender shall receive such compensation as may, from time to time, be fixed by ordinance by the Mayor and Council.
- E. Persons applying for representation by the Public Defender shall pay an application fee of \$50 to the Municipal Court, which fee may be waived, in whole or in part, if the Court determines in its discretion that the application fee represents an unreasonable burden of the person seeking representation.

§ 21-7. Municipal Prosecutor. [Added 3-17-1997 by Ord. No. 97-4; amended 7-9-2002 by Ord. No. 2002-9]

There shall be a Municipal Prosecutor of the Municipal Court and such other alternate and/or Assistant Prosecutors whom the Mayor and Council deem necessary and who shall be appointed by the Council for the term of one year beginning January 1 of each year and whose duties shall be as set forth in N.J.S.A. 2B:12-27, including representation of the state in any matter within the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court.