

ORDINANCE NO. 3389
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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE CODIFIED IN THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NUTLEY, CHAPTER 228 (“VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”), TO ADD ARTICLE XVI, SECTION 56, ENTITLED “DO NOT BLOCK THE BOX”.

Article XVI

Section 56. “Do Not Block the Box”

A. Purpose. Vehicular traffic obstructing critical intersections causes traffic gridlock and effectively prevents traffic from moving at congested intersections.

When vehicular traffic obstructs the intersection and "blocks the box" hazardous conditions are created for pedestrians wishing to utilize crosswalks.

"Blocking the box" is the nomenclature given when vehicles enter a street intersection or a marked crosswalk if preceding traffic prevents the immediate clearance of the intersection as defined in N.J.S.A. 39:4-67.

There are critical intersections in the Township of Nutley which require special emphasis in order to insure proper traffic movement and to increase safety for pedestrians and motorists alike.

The Township of Nutley believes the protection of the public at congested intersections must be rendered as safe as is technically possible.

B. The following designed intersections shall be designated as critical intersections and shall be designated as "block the box" intersections and shall be so signed:

Franklin Ave. at New St (east side intersection)

Chestnut St. 60’ west of Vincent Pl. for 90’ (Public Safety Building driveway)

C. Signage. 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 and erected at the designated intersections to advise of the "Do Not Block the Box" legislation.

D. Markings. Lane markings as per MUTCD Part 3 Figure 3B-18 “Do Not Block Intersection Markings” option “C” 4-inch solid white crosshatch lines.

E. Penalty. There shall be a minimum penalty of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars and a maximum penalty of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars for violation of this section.

F. Enforcement. The Nutley Police Department and/or designated agents has full authorization to enforce any violations of this ordinance; and

G. Maintenance. The Nutley Department of Public Works will erect and maintain signs so stating “Do Not Block the Box” as per MUTCD standards and maintain lane markings.

<i>Record of Vote</i>	<i>Commissioner Steven L. Rogers</i>	<i>Commissioner Mauro G. Tucci</i>	<i>Commissioner Thomas J. Evans</i>	<i>Commissioner Alphonse Petracco</i>	<i>Mayor Joseph P. Scarpelli</i>
<i>Yes</i>	X	X	X		X
<i>No</i>					
<i>Not Voting</i>					
<i>Absent/Excused</i>				X	