



ORDINANCE #2025-22

Introduction: October 13, 2025

Adoption: November 10, 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE AMENDING AND RESTATING VILLAGE CODE CHAPTER 3, SECTION 9 – COUNCIL MEMBER COMMITTEES CREATING AND RATIFYING THE ACTIONS OF THE COUNCIL MEMBER COMMITTEE WHICH IS HEREBY KNOWN AS THE TRANSPORTATION AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ("TAPS") COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Village Council are committed to addressing certain topics on community mobility issues and creating street corridors that safely accommodate all road and sidewalk users of all abilities and for all traveling modes by assessing and prioritizing concerns related to pedestrian, bicycling, traffic calming, and public transit experiences; and

WHEREAS, significant accomplishments have already been achieved in the Village by incorporating pedestrian and bicycle safety and traffic calming measures when public streets are improved; and

WHEREAS, residents, community organizations, and elected leaders have all called for continuing attention to and prioritization of traffic calming, pedestrian safety, bicycling infrastructure, and public transportation access; and

WHEREAS, a Village Council Committee can serve as a forum for centralized, structured input and successful policy implementation and provide a venue for active community input on mobility challenges and solutions; and

WHEREAS, a group has been established and has met and taken certain actions; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Village Council wish to acknowledge and ratify the actions of the group and amend Chapter 3, Section 9 of the Village Code to create a Council Member committee which shall be known as the Transportation and Pedestrian Safety Committee (which committee shall be colloquially known as "TAPS"); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Village Council have determined that TAPS shall be structured and composed as follows:

1. Committee Composition



- a. It is intended that the Committee shall be comprised of, but not limited to, the following Council and Village staff members:
 - i. Three (3) voting Council members comprised of:
 1. Chair of Public Works
 2. Chair of Health & Public Safety
 3. Liaison to Walk, Bike, Ride South Orange
 - ii. Non-voting Staff Representation will be comprised of:
 1. Village Administrator or designee
 2. Village Engineer
 3. Police Chief or designee
 4. Traffic Bureau Sergeant
 5. Designated Staff employee who shall serve as Committee Recording Secretary
2. The Committee shall in all ways comply with Village Code Chapter 3, Section 9.
3. Members of the Committee may select a Chair and Vice Chair. The Chair is responsible for organizing, leading meetings, and connecting with Non-Voting Members for information. The Vice Chair shall serve as Chair in the Chair's absence. The Chair and Vice Chair must be voting members. The Recording Secretary shall keep the Minutes of each meeting.
4. Executive Session: A majority of the voting members present at a meeting (whether regular or special) may vote to enter Executive Session. Non-voting members may be permitted to attend Executive Sessions in the sole discretion of the Chair. Executive sessions shall only be held to discuss matters permitted pursuant to OPMA. Should the basis for such executive session be a personnel matter, Village Attorney shall be advised in advance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Village Council of South Orange Village, a municipal corporation of New Jersey located in Essex County thereof, as follows:

Section 1. Village Code Chapter 3, Section 9 Council Member Committees - shall be amended and restated in its entirety by the addition of subsection A(7) as follows:

3-9 Council Member Committees

- A. The Council shall appoint, by a vote of the majority of the Council or by a vote of three Council Members and the Mayor if the Council shall be evenly divided, the following standing committees, which shall perform the duties set forth herein. Each committee shall consist of a Council Member Chair and



two Council Member members. No Council Member shall serve as Chair of more than one committee. No Council Member shall serve as a member of more than two committees in addition to the committee chaired by the Council Member. Each such committee shall select from its members one of the same who shall serve as Secretary to the committee. The Council Member committees and their responsibilities are as follows:

1. A Finance and Capital Projects Committee, which shall deal with policy matters, and make recommendations to the full Council relating to budget preparation, for both operating and capital needs. In making such assessments and recommendations the committee shall plan for the needs of all residents, and fully assess the costs and benefits over time.
2. A Health and Public Safety Committee, which shall deal with policy matters, and make recommendations to the full Council relating to all matters affecting the health, welfare and protection of the general public. Such concerns shall include, but not be limited to department of health, fire service, police protection and emergency medical service matters.
3. A Public Works and Utilities Committee, which shall deal with policy matters, and make recommendations to the full Council relating to the maintenance and improvement of all municipally owned infrastructure. In addition, the Committee shall address policy issues relating to all utilities, whether owned by South Orange Village or other public utility entities.
4. A Recreation, Arts and Cultural Affairs Committee, which shall deal with policy matters, and make recommendations to the full Council relating to the means to provide access to recreational facilities, art and culture for all residents.
5. A Planning and Economic Development Committee, which shall deal with policy matters, and make recommendations to the full Council relating to the productive and residentially compatible uses of land. With respect to economic development, the Committee shall pursue the means to attract and promote commercial uses throughout the appropriate business zones.
6. A Citizen Engagement and Strategic Partnership Committee, which shall deal with policy matters, and make recommendations to the full Council relating to encouraging and promoting citizen participation in all aspects of community life, including volunteering in municipal services. In addition, the Committee shall pursue relationships with organizations and individuals, both within and outside the municipality, so as to broaden and improve community life.



7. A Transportation and Pedestrian Safety Committee which shall deal with policy matters and make recommendations to the full Council related to community mobility, including transportation, pedestrian safety, and road improvements. In addition, the Committee shall provide a forum for residents to share input and helps review proposed designs and construction plans that affect how people move through South Orange. Its goal is to prioritize community concerns and support safe, accessible, and well-designed streets for everyone.

Section 2.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed as to such inconsistencies.

SECTION 3.

This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as required by law and shall ratify action(s) taken by Transportation and Pedestrian Safety Committee, nunc pro tunc, as of September 17, 2025.

SECTION 4.

On passage this ordinance shall be codified.

Introduction – First Reading

Council Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Brown			X			
Haskins	X		X			
Greenberg		X	X			
Jones			X			
Lewis-Chang			X			
Schnall			X			



CERTIFICATION

I, Ojetti E. Davis, Village Clerk of South Orange Village, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that this Ordinance was introduced on first reading by the Village Council at their regular meeting held on October 13, 2025.


Ojetti E. Davis
Village Clerk

Adoption – Second Reading

Council Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Brown			X			
Haskins		X	X			
Greenberg			X			
Jones			X			
Lewis-Chang			X			
Schnall	X		X			

CERTIFICATION

I, Ojetti E. Davis, Village Clerk of South Orange Village, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that this Ordinance was adopted on second reading by the Village Council at their meeting held on November 10, 2025.


Ojetti E. Davis
Village Clerk

Adopted:


Sheena C. Collum
Village Mayor

Attest:


Ojetti E. Davis
Village Clerk