



THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL
of the
BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE
County of Essex
State of New Jersey

January 19, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 39-21

Offered by Councilor **MORROW**
Seconded by Councilor

WHEREAS, the Borough of Glen Ridge has, as of this date, recorded more than 200 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and the number of cases continue to grow at a rapid pace; and

WHEREAS, due to Glen Ridge Board of Education staffing there is not enough custodial staff to clean and disinfect the spaces multiple times each day in order to allow outside organizations, including the Glen Ridge Athletic Association (GRAA) and the Gas Lamp Players and other outside groups, access to Glen Ridge Board of Education school facilities for group practices, competitions, meetings, rehearsals, or assemblies of any kind; and

WHEREAS, if and when the Glen Ridge Board of Education does allow outside organizations such as the GRAA and the Gas Lamp Players access to school facilities, the Mayor and Council will evaluate the situation and give guidance accordingly.

WHEREAS, our parks have been and will remain open for individual use by the public.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, while individuals may use these facilities, the Mayor and Council of the Borough will only allow organizations such as the GRAA and the Gas Lamp Players use of the outdoor rink at Carteret Park and the running track at Hurrell Field, subject to NJSIAA COVID-19 protocols adhered to at these specific facilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge recognizes and supports organizations such as the GRAA and the Gas Lamp Players participating in group practices, games, meetings, rehearsals, or assemblies both outside and within the Borough of Glen Ridge at such Borough locations as may be permitted and provided COVID-19 protocols are adhered to. In all such cases, all participants (including adult coaches, staff, etc.) will be required to complete the Borough waivers, and the organization will keep completed waivers on record and make available to the Borough upon request; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that according to the NJSIAA, high school athletics can operate even if a school is all virtual, however, the GRAA must mirror the protocols and restrictions put in place by the Board of Education.