

ORDINANCE NO. 172

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PARKING REGULATIONS WITHIN RUSH TOWNSHIP AS SET IN TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 96, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE “PARKING REGULATION” ORDINANCE AND ESTABLISHING CERTAIN PARKING REGULATIONS AND SETTING FINES AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

THE SUPERVISORS OF RUSH TOWNSHIP HEREBY ORDAIN AND ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the general health, welfare and safety of the public and the citizens of Rush Township that parking be regulated within the Township; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Supervisors of Rush Township to amend the established parking regulations and schedule of fines for violation of those regulations; and

WHEREAS, The Second Class Township Code vests in the Supervisors of Rush Township the authority to establish parking regulations and set fines and penalties for violation thereof.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE SUPERVISORS OF RUSH TOWNSHIP AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS:

a) Words and Phrases, when used in this Ordinance shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Vehicle Code of Pennsylvania as now in force or hereafter amended, enacted or reenacted, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning.

b) The term “legal holidays” as used in this ordinance shall mean and include: New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas.

c) In this section, the singular shall include the plural , the plural shall include the singular and the masculine shall include the feminine and the neuter.

SECTION 2. TEMPORARY AND EMERGENCY REGULATIONS:

The Chief of Police, Officer in Charge, any police officer or a fire police officer shall have the following powers to regulate traffic and parking temporarily and in the time of emergency:

a) In a case of fire, flood, storm or other emergency, to establish temporary traffic and/or parking regulations.

b) In a case of emergency or to facilitate public works, or in the conduct of parades, procession or public events, to restrict or prohibit traffic and/or parking in limited areas for periods of not more than 70 hours.

c) To designate places from time to time upon and along highways in the Township or other roads in the Township where, for a period of not more than 90 days, or upon legal holidays, specific traffic and or parking regulations, prohibitions and restrictions shall be in force and effect and shall designate such locations by proper signs and markings. All such regulations, prohibitions and restrictions as set forth in this section shall be effective just as they had been specified under the Vehicle Code.

SECTION 3 PARKING RESTRICTIONS

No motor vehicle of any kind shall be permitted to park at any time in the Township as follows:

a) In a zone designated by the Supervisors of Rush Township or its designee as a handicapped parking zone, unless the vehicle parked in the handicapped zone is authorized to be parked in that handicapped parking zone by appropriate placard or license plate issued under the Pa. Motor Vehicle Code.

b) in front of a firehouse door or entrance.

c) within twenty(20) feet of any intersection.

d) in the front or side yard of any property, unless the vehicle is parked on a driveway.

e) in a posted no-parking zone.

f) in a manner that obstructs a crosswalk or sidewalk

g) in front of a private driveway.

h) on the sidewalk or curb.

i) within fifteen(15) feet of a fire hydrant.

j) in a manner that obstructs or blocks vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

k) It shall be illegal to park a vehicle upon a roadway or trafficway of the Commonwealth with a missing or expired inspection or registration sticker

SECTION 4. MISCELLANEOUS

a) No person shall operate or park a vehicle or tractor in violation of any such regulation, prohibition or restriction and no person shall move, remove, destroy or deface any sign or marking erected, posted or made by authority of this ordinance.

b) Nothing in this ordinance shall restrict the Township's authority or power to establish permanent no parking regulations or ordinances.

c) All violations of the parking regulations established in the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code are hereby declared to be violations of this Ordinance, and such violations shall be subject to prosecution under this Ordinance.

d) The police officers of the Township are hereby given the authority to direct traffic on the highways of the Township and at intersections thereof, and to enforce any and all parking regulations established under this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

a) Any person violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be subject to a fine of \$20.00 except with regard to a violation of Section 3(k) pertaining to the parking of a vehicle upon a roadway or trafficway in the Township with an expired or missing registration or inspection sticker which violation will be subjected to a fine of \$50.00.

b) In default of payment of the aforesaid fine plus the costs of prosecution, the violator will be subject to imprisonment of up to five(5) days.

SECTION 6. REPEALER

All prior ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed. If any section of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unenforceable, all other section shall nevertheless continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

THIS ORDINANCE HAS BEEN DULY ADOPTED by the Rush Township Board of

Supervisors, the 16th day of August, 2011.

RUSH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By:

Stephen W. Smith
Eric J. Hill
[Signature]

ATTEST: *Teresa A. Conville*
Secretary