

OFFICIAL  
GORDON BOROUGH  
SCHUYLKILL COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
ORDINANCE NO. 3 - 1987

An ordinance of the Borough of Gordon, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania amending the General Parking Ordinance of the Borough of Gordon which Ordinance is designated as Ordinance NO. 318 thereby regulating the parking of construction vehicles within the Borough limits and providing for penalties for violation of the same.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE AUTHORITY OF GORDON BOROUGH AS  
FOLLOWS:

Section One

Words and phrases, when used in this Ordinance, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Vehicle Code of Pennsylvania, as now enforced or as hereafter amended, enacted or re-enacted, accept where the context clearly indicates a different meaning. In this Ordinance, the singular shall include the plural, the plural shall include the singular, and the masculine shall include the feminine.

Section Two

The Peace Officers of the Borough are hereby given authority to direct traffic on the highways of the Borough and at the intersections thereof and to otherwise regulate traffic and parking within the Borough.

Section Three

The seriousness of the matter of the outdoor storage of abandoned, junked, discarded, unlicensed and construction motor vehicles upon privately owned properties and on the streets of the Borough increases with the passage of time. It is a source of vexation and annoyance not only to the members of the traveling public but also to the owners and occupants of the adjoining lands. The outdoor storage of vehicles upon residential lands is unsightly. The outdoor storage of these same vehicles upon public streets is equally unsightly. It constitutes an attractive nuisance to children and a peril to safety from fire and explosion whenever gasoline is left in the fuel tanks of such vehicles. It depreciates the value of neighboring properties. The preservation of peace and good order, the suppression of vice, the benefit of trade, the preservation of public health, the protection of property and the prevention and extinguishment of fires and explosions and the possible injury to children and pedestrians and the traveling public compel the council of Borough of Gordon to legislate upon this matter. It is hereby declared that the adoption of this amending ordinance has for its purpose the effective termination of such obnoxious practice.

#### Section Four

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, either as owner, occupant, lessee, agent or otherwise, to store or deposit or cause or permit to be stored or deposited an abandoned, junked, discarded, or unlicensed motor vehicle or a licensed construction vehicle whether it be a motor vehicle or trailer upon any residential land, upon the surface of such land, or upon any Borough street within the corporate limits of the Borough of Gordon.

#### Section Five

If the provisions of the foregoing section are violated, the Mayor shall serve written notice, either personally or by mail, upon the owner, occupant or person having the charge of any such land or vehicle to comply with the provisions of this chapter. The notice shall be substantially in the following form:

To the owner, occupant or person having charge of the land or vehicle know in the Borough of Gordon as (street numbers and name) street, Gordon.

Notice is hereby given that abandoned, junked, discarded and unlicensed motor vehicle or licensed construction vehicle has been found stored or deposited upon the described property in the Borough of Gordon or upon the streets or alleys of the Borough of Gordon. The automobile must be moved within five (5) days from the date of this notice. In the case of construction vehicles with the permission of the Mayor, construction vehicles shall be allowed to remain on a Borough street or on a private property for two (2) consecutive weeks unless permission is granted to allow the construction vehicle to remain for a longer period of time with the Mayor's permission on the advise and approval of the Borough Council.

In case you fail or refuse to comply with this notice on or before the expiration date as aforementioned from the date of this notice, the Borough of Gordon, acting through its authorized agents, servants, officers and employees will enter upon your land and upon the Borough's streets or alleys and remove the vehicle and cause the same to be destroyed or impounded within the discretion of the Borough as the case may be. With regards to construction vehicles the same may be towed and impounded at the discretion of the Borough Council. The expense incurred by the Borough will be assessed against the above described land and/or owner and shall constitute a lien thereon and be collected as provided by law.

DATED:

Donald C. Lucas  
(Mayor)

### Section Six

Any owner, occupant, lessee, agent or tenant who shall neglect and refuse to remove said abandoned, junked, discarded, unlicensed motor vehicle, and licensed construction vehicle as directed by this Ordinance, or who shall fail or refuse to comply with the provisions of any notice herein provided for or shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance or who shall resist or obstruct the duly authorized agents, servants, officers and employees of the Borough in the removal and destruction or the removal and impoundment thereof, shall, upon conviction thereof be fined a sum not exceeding Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars for each violation thereof or be imprisoned in the County jail for a term not to exceed thirty (30) days, or both. In addition to the penalty herein provided, the violation thereof shall constitute disorderly conduct and the person violating the same shall be a disorderly person.

This Ordinance is approved this 6th day of July, 1987.

Paul R. S. [Signature]  
Secretary

Jacob J. Benjamin [Signature]  
President

Donald C. Lucas [Signature]  
Mayor

AN ORDINANCE

318

PREScribing TRAFFIC AND PARKING  
REGULATIONS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY AT  
INTERSECTIONS OF BOROUGH STREETS  
AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THEIR  
VIOLATION.

ARTICLE 1

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Section 1. Definitions and Interpretation. Words and phrases, when used in this ordinance, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in The Vehicle Code of Pennsylvania, as now in force, or as hereafter amended, enacted or reenacted, except in those instances where the context clearly indicates a different meaning. The singular shall include the plural and the masculine shall include the feminine.

Section 2. Special Powers of the Mayor. The Mayor shall have the following powers to regulate traffic and parking temporarily and in times of emergency:

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

(b) In the case of emergency or to facilitate public works or in the case of the conduct of processions and public events, to restrict or prohibit parking or traffic in limited areas for periods of not more than twenty-four (24) hours.

Such temporary and emergency regulations shall be enforced by the Mayor and the Police of the Borough in the same manner as permanent regulations. Any person who shall operate a vehicle in violation of any such regulation shall be liable to the penalty set forth in the law for such violation.

and, in case of any violation for which no specific penalty is set forth in the law, to a fine of not more than fifty (\$50.00) dollars, and, in default of payment of such fine and costs of prosecution, to imprisonment in the county jail for not more than ten (10) days.

The Mayor shall further have the power and authority to establish, change and abolish, and to designate by appropriate markings or signs, cross-walks, traffic lanes and parking spaces.

Section 3. Authority of Police Officers. The Police Officers of the Borough are hereby given authority to direct traffic on the highways of the Borough, and at intersections thereof.

Section 4. One-Way Streets Established. The following is established as a one-way street:

ELM STREET, from McKnight Street to Hobart Street, vehicular traffic to move in a east-bound direction only.

Any person who shall operate a vehicle on any street or portion thereof hereby established as a one-way street other than in the direction established hereby for vehicular traffic thereon shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than ten (\$10.00) dollars and costs of prosecution, and, in default of payment of such fine and costs, to imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed five (5) days.

Section 5. Stop Intersections Established. The following intersections located in the Borough are hereby declared to be stop intersections, and official stop signs shall be erected (or are hereby confirmed if heretofore erected), in such a position as to face traffic approaching the second-named street in the direction or directions hereby indicated. All vehicles approaching the intersection upon the first-named street in the direction or directions hereby indicated in each case shall come to a full stop, within a reasonable distance, before entering said intersection:

1. Elm Street and West Plane Street, facing east-bound and west-bound traffic.
2. Elm Street and East Plane Street, facing east-bound and west-bound traffic.
3. Elm Street and Birch Street, facing east-bound and west-bound traffic.
4. Elm Street and Church Street, facing south-bound traffic.
5. Elm Street and Hobart Street, facing east-bound and west-bound traffic.
6. McKnight Street and Charles Street, facing east-bound and west-bound traffic.
7. Charles Street and Minersville Street, facing east-bound and west-bound traffic.
8. Charles Street and Gordon Street, facing north-bound traffic.
9. Charles Street and Mahanoy Street, facing east-bound and west-bound traffic.
10. Charles Street and Wyncoop Street, facing west-bound traffic.
11. Otto Street and Birch Street, facing north-bound and south-bound traffic.
12. Birch Street and Oak Street, facing west-bound traffic.
13. Birch Street and Royer Street, facing north-bound and south-bound traffic.
14. Otto Street and ~~Church~~ Street, facing north-bound and south-bound traffic.

15. Church Street and Oak Street, facing east-bound and west-bound traffic.

16. Church Street and Royer Street, facing north-bound and south-bound traffic.

17. Otto Street and Hobart Street, facing east-bound and west-bound traffic.

18. Hobart Street and Oak Street, facing east-bound and west-bound traffic.

19. Hobart Street and Royer Street, facing east-bound and west-bound traffic.

20. Hobart Street and extension of Park Street, facing west-bound traffic.

21. Park Street and Otto Street, facing east-bound traffic.

22. Park Street and Oak Street, facing east-bound traffic.

23. Royer Street and Park Street, facing east-bound traffic.

Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than five (\$5.00) dollars or more than ten (\$10.00) dollars and costs of prosecution, and, in default of payment of such fine and costs, to imprisonment in the county jail for not more than five (5) days.

## ARTICLE II

### PARKING

Section 1. Parking Prohibited at Certain Locations. Parking shall be prohibited at all times in the following locations:

(a) On the south side of Otto Street between East Plane Street and Hobart Street, and on the north side of Otto Street between East Plane Street and Birch Street.

Section 2. Penalty for Violation. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this article shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than two (\$3.00) dollars or more than ten (\$10.00) dollars and costs of prosecution, and, in default of payment of such fine and costs, to imprisonment in the county jail for not more than five (5) days.

### ARTICLE III

#### INTERPRETATION

Section 1. Severability. The provisions of this ordinance shall be severable, and if any of its provisions shall be held to be unconstitutional or illegal, such decision shall not affect the validity of any of the remaining provisions of this ordinance. It is hereby declared as a legislative intent that this ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional or illegal provision not been included herein.

Section 2. Provisions to be Continuation of Existing Regulations. The provisions of this ordinance, so far as they are the same as those of ordinances and regulations in force immediately prior to the enactment of this ordinance, are intended as a continuation of such ordinances and regulations and not as new enactments. The provisions of this ordinance shall not affect any act done or liability incurred, nor shall they affect any suit or prosecution pending or to be instituted to enforce any right or penalty or to punish any offense under the authority of any of these repealed ordinances and regulations.



ENACTED and ORDAINED this 4 day of November  
A.D., 1974.

William J. Sell  
President

ATTEST:

Paul L. Snyder  
Secretary

APPROVED this 4 day of November A.D., 1974.

George Moore  
Mayor