MILFORD TOWNSHIP BUCKS COUNTY ORDINANCE # 177

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PARKING ON CERTAIN STREETS AND ROAD AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR A FAILURE TO ABIDE BY PARKING REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, Milford Township Bucks County is a municipality organized and existing under the Second Class Township Code, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Second Class Township Code, the Township may regulate parking within the township 53 Pa. Stat. Ann. § 67328, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has enacted ordinances in the past with regard to parking and now find it necessary to update those ordinances,

Now therefore, the board of supervisors of Milford Township does hereby enact the following parking regulations as an Ordinance of the Township:

<u>Section 1. Parking and storage of Unlicensed and Uninspected vehicles on Streets and alleys</u>

It shall be unlawful for any owner of any type of motor vehicle requiring a registration plate and a state inspection sticker under Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code to park or store or permit the same to be parked or stored on any public street, public alley, or Township-owned or -controlled parking lot within the limits of Milford Township if said motor vehicle does not have attached to it a current, valid registration plate and a current, valid state inspection sticker required under the applicable provisions of the Vehicle Code.

Section 2. Dismantled vehicles not to be stored or parked on streets, lots, and alleys

It shall be unlawful for any owner of any motor vehicle requiring a registration plate and a state inspection sticker under the applicable provisions of the aforesaid Vehicle Code to park or store or to permit to be parked or stored any such motor vehicle on any public street, public alley, or Township-owned or -controlled parking lot within the limits of Milford Township when such motor vehicle is to any extent partially dismantled and/ or inoperable.

Section 3. Parking of trucks and other large vehicles prohibited between 11:00PM and 6:00am

It shall be unlawful for any person to park any commercial vehicle, truck tractor, tractor or motor home on any street in the Township between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

Section 4. Parking on streets, lots, and alleys closed or restricted for construction

It shall be unlawful for any owner of any motor vehicle to park or store or to permit to be parked or stored any such motor vehicle on any public street, public alley, or Township-owned or controlled parking lot within the limits of Milford Township when such public street, public

alley, or Township-owned or -controlled parking lot is marked as closed or restricted for construction provided that the public street, public alley, or Township-owned or -controlled parking lot is properly marked at a minimum of 24 hours in advance. The Township shall have the powers to regulate traffic and parking temporarily in times of an emergency in the case of fire, flood, storm or other emergencies.

Section 5. Parking prohibited. At all times in certain locations

Parking shall be prohibited at all times in the following locations:

Within three feet of any Fire hydrants and Fire Department Connections or Fire Lanes.

Milford Township Municipal complex outside of designated parking spaces.

Milford Township parks and trail heads outside of designated parking spaces.

On either side of Sleepy Hollow Road between Spinnerstown Road and Scheetz Church Road.

On either side of Scheetz Church Road.

On either side of Brinkman Road between Scheetz Church Road and Spinnerstown Road.

On either side of East Swamp Road.

On either side of Milford Square Pike between Rosenberger road and 2030 John Fries Hwy.

On Milford Square Pike across from the Milford Township Fire Company Driveway.

On Weiss Road Between John Fries Hwy. and Progress Drive.

On either side I of Progress Drive.

On either side of AM Drive.

On either side of the Mill Hill Road.

Section 6. Parking prohibited in certain locations, certain days and certain hours

Parking shall be prohibited in the following locations at all times on the days and between the hours indicated in this section, as follows:

Milford Township Municipal building from dusk to dawn (excluding scheduled meetings or Township approved events).

Milford Township Trailhead parking lots from dusk till dawn or outside of posted hours open for access.

Milford Township parks from dusk till dawn or outside of posted hours open for access.

Section 7. Temporary and Emergency regulations

The Township shall have the power to regulate traffic and parking on any public street, public alley, or Township-owned or -controlled parking lot within the limits of Milford Township temporarily in times of an emergency such as the case of fire, flood, storm or other emergencies or to facilitate public works, or in the conduct of parades, processions or public events.

Temporary restrictions shall be limited to a 72-hour time period or through the duration of an emergencies.

Section 8. Provisional Regulations

The Township may, from time to time by resolution, designate places upon and along the highways in the Township where, for a period of not more than 90 days, specific traffic and/or parking regulations, prohibitions and restrictions shall be in force and effect, as provisional regulations and shall designate such locations by proper signs and markings. Such regulations, prohibitions and restrictions shall be effective as if they had been specified in this chapter.

Section 9. "No Parking" Signs

"No Parking" signs shall be erected along roadways covered by this ordinance. The Board of Supervisors shall by resolution direct the installation of said signs on the roads designated in a resolution for provisional regulation. All signs shall be installed in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation code.

Section 10. Removal of Vehicle

1.

Any police officer, Trooper, or Township Official may remove or cause to be removed to a nearby garage or other place of safety a vehicle in violation of any provision of this Ordinance when in the interest of public safety. Prior to removal of such vehicle bearing a registration plate by which the last registered owner of the vehicle can be determined, notice shall be sent by regular mail and certified mail to the last registered owner of the vehicle informing him/her that, unless the vehicle is moved to a suitable location within seven days of the date the notice is mailed, the vehicle will be removed and held at a suitable facility at the owner's expense where it may be reclaimed. If the vehicle does not bear an identifiable registration plate, the notice may be secured to the vehicle.

2. Within the seven-day period, the owner shall be given, if requested, an opportunity to explain to police officer, trooper, or Township Official why the owner believes the vehicle should not be removed. If the police officer, Trooper, or Township Official decides that the vehicle shall be removed, the owner shall be given an additional 48 hours to move the vehicle or have it moved.

The following Township Officials are hereby designated and authorized to make reports, process, and cause the removal of vehicles which are in violation of this ordinance.

Township Manager,
Zoning Officer,
Code Enforcement Officer,
Such other individuals as the Board of Supervisors may designate by resolution.

Section 11. Reclamation Costs

In addition to any fine or penalty imposed under this Ordinance, , the owner shall pay towing and storage costs before the vehicle is released to the owner.

Section 12. Penalties

Any person who violates any provision of this Part shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine up to \$1000.00, together with all costs incurred as a result of storing, towing or disposing of the vehicle. Fines shall be imposed in the form of a non-traffic citation or a Township Notice of Violation.

Section 13. Repealer and Severability.

In the event that any section, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Ordinance shall be declared illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not prevent, preclude, or otherwise foreclose enforcement of any of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are in conflict with any of the specific terms enacted hereby to the extent of said inconsistencies or conflicts, are hereby repealed, including, but not limited to, Ordinance 171.

Now, therefore, be it ordained and enacted by the Board of Supervisors of Milford Township this ________, 2021.

ATTEST:

Jeffrey Vey, Township Manager

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