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ORDINANCE NO. 15

REGULATING THE PARKING, LOADING AND UNLOADING, UPON THE ROADWAYS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CENTRE, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA; PRESCRIBING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, FIXING PENALTIES.

THE SUPERVISORS OF CENTRE TOWNSHIP HEREBY ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE

This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the Township of Centre, Berks County, Pennsylvania, Parking Code.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE

The purpose is to regulate the parking, loading and unloading upon any and all roadways within the Township of Centre, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS

In this ordinance, except as herein otherwise defined, the terms used shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code.

For the purpose and within the meaning of this ordinance, the following definitions shall prevail:

(A) AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLE shall include ambulances, fire, police vehicles, and such emergency vehicles of public service corporations as may be designated by the Chief of Police of the Township.

(B) OFFICIAL TRAFFIC EQUIPMENT shall include all signs, signals, markings and devices placed, painted or erected as herein provided, and temporary warning signs placed by duly authorized State or Township employees for the purpose of directing, safeguarding, or regulating traffic.

(C) No operator of a commercial vehicle shall stand or park such vehicle in an officially designated loading zone, during the hours indicated by official equipment, for a period of time longer than is necessary for the expeditious loading or unloading of material.

SECTION 7. STANDING OR PARKING PROHIBITED IN SPECIFIED PLACES

(A) NO person shall park a vehicle, or permit it to stand, attended or unattended, at any time upon a thoroughfare at any location where such parking is prohibited by Article X, Section 1020, of the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code.

(B) When official traffic equipment has been installed pursuant to resolution adopted by the Township Supervisors, no person shall park a vehicle, or permit it to stand, attended or unattended, at any time upon a thoroughfare in any one of the following locations.

1. Along any curb which is painted yellow.
2. Upon any thoroughfare, or portion of any thoroughfare so designated by official signs.
3. Opposite the entrance to any garage or driveway on any street the width of which is twenty-four (24) feet or less from curb to curb.
4. Alongside a vehicle parked at the curb (double parking).
5. Within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant.
6. In a direction opposite the flow of traffic (on wrong side of highway).
7. More than six (6) inches from a curb.
8. Within an intersection.
9. Upon or within any sidewalk area.

10. On that portion of the roadway devoted to vehicular traffic.

SECTION 8. PARKING TIME LIMITED IN DESIGNATED PLACES

Wherever official equipment has been installed giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle upon any thoroughfare or portion of any thoroughfare for a period of time longer than that indicated by the official signs.

Any person who shall continuously park any vehicle in excess of four (4) additional hours beyond the time for which the original parking citation was issued may be cited with additional violation notices for each subsequent continuous four (4) hour period of illegal parking thereafter.

SECTION 9. PERMANENT PARKING PROHIBITED

No person shall continuously park any vehicle upon any thoroughfare in any unrestricted area for a period of time longer than fifteen (15) days. Said fifteen (15) day period shall be computed from the date the parked vehicle was first observed by or called to the attention of the Township Police. At the expiration of this length of time it shall be the responsibility of the owner to remove the vehicle from the thoroughfare. Vehicles parked in violation of this section will be towed from the thoroughfare. Vehicles parked in violation of this section will be towed, impounded, and disposed of pursuant to the regulations which may be adopted pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance, or as may be provided by any order, ordinance or statute.

SECTION 10. UNLAWFUL STANDING OR PARKING

No person shall stand or park a vehicle upon any thoroughfare for the principal purpose of:

(A) Displaying it for sale.

(B) Washing, greasing, or repairing such vehicle except repairs necessitated by an emergency.

SECTION 11. NOTICE OF PARKING VIOLATIONS

(A) Operators of vehicles parked in violation of time restrictions as fixed by the Township Supervisors by resolution may be notified of the violation by the placing of a copy of the OFFICIAL VIOLATION form upon or within said vehicle. The content and form of such Official Violation form shall be determined by the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and the Chief of Police.

SECTION 12. ONE WAY THOROUGHFARES

(A) On each thoroughfare so designated by official traffic equipment, vehicular traffic shall move only on the direction indicated.

(B) A sign indicating the direction of movement of vehicular traffic shall be erected and maintained at every intersection where such movement is restricted to one direction only.

SECTION 13. PENALTY

Any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this ordinance, except for those in which the penalty is fixed or limited by the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code, shall, upon failure to pay penalties as follows and upon conviction with

summary proceedings, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than Five Dollars (\$5.00), and not more than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) and cost of prosecution, for each offense. In default of the payment of such fine and costs, said person or persons shall undergo imprisonment in the Berks County Prison for a period of time not to exceed ten (10) days.

Schedule of penalties to be paid for parking violations:

A. Sec. 7(A) Prohibited Parking (Motor Vehicle Code)	\$ 5.00
B. Sec. 7(B) 1. Parked at Yellow Line	5.00
C. Sec. 7(B) 2. Prohibited Parking	5.00
D. Sec. 7(B) 3. Parked in front of private Driveway	5.00
E. Sec. 7(B) 4. Double Parked	10.00
F. Sec. 7(B) 5. Parked within 15 feet of fire hydrant	10.00
G. Sec. 7(B) 6. Parked on wrong side of highway	5.00
H. Sec. 7(B) 7. Parked more than six inches from curb	5.00
I. Sec. 7(B) 8. Parked within an intersection	10.00
J. Sec. 7(B) 9. Parked on a Sidewalk	5.00
K. Sec. 7(B) 10. Parked on a Roadway	10.00
L. Other: Section 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12	10.00
Section 8	5.00

SECTION 14. VALIDITY

The provisions of this ordinance are severable, and if any of its provisions for any reason shall be declared invalid the decision of the court shall not effect or impair any of the remaining provisions of this ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of Council that this ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid provisions not been included therein.

SECTION 15. EFFECTIVE DATE

The provisions of this ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after its enactment.

ENACTED into an Ordinance this 10th day of Sept. , 1975.

EFFECTIVE: Sept 20, 1975.

ATTEST: George C. Seifert
Sec.

Wm. E. Spatz
Chairman

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David C. Spohn
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Centre, Berks County,
Pennsylvania.