

ORDINANCE #26A-1993
TRAFFIC ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CENTRE, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REGULATING AND PROVIDING FOR THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS: DEFINING CERTAIN TERMS, PROVIDING FOR THE MATTER OF ADOPTING PERMANENT TRAFFIC AND PARKING REGULATIONS, PROVIDING FOR TEMPORARY AND EMERGENCY REGULATIONS, PROVIDING FOR THE EXPERIMENTAL REGULATIONS, PROVIDING TRAFFIC REGULATIONS GOVERNING MOTOR VEHICLES SUCH AS ESTABLISHING STOP INTERSECTIONS AT CERTAIN STREETS THROUGHOUT THE TOWNSHIP, MAKING IT UNLAWFUL TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES OR TRACTORS ON HIGHWAYS CLOSED FOR CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR, ESTABLISHING CERTAIN YIELD INTERSECTIONS, ESTABLISHING MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS, PROVIDING PARKING REGULATIONS, PROVIDING FOR VEHICLES TO BE PARKED WITHIN MARKED SPACES, PROHIBITING PARKING AT ALL TIMES AT CERTAIN LOCATIONS AS DEFINED IN THE ORDINANCE, PROHIBITING PARKING ON ALL BRIDGES, ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE AFORESAID REGULATIONS, DECLARING AND ESTABLISHING CERTAIN SNOW AND ICE EMERGENCY ROUTES, PROHIBITING PARKING ON SPECIFIC HIGHWAYS DURING EMERGENCY AND RESTRICTING OF OPERATIONS OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRACTORS ON SUCH HIGHWAYS, AUTHORIZING THE PLACING OF SIGNS ALONG HIGHWAYS AFFECTED FOR SNOW AND ICE EMERGENCY ROUTES, ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF SNOW AND ICE EMERGENCY ROUTE REQUIREMENTS, PROVIDING FOR THE REMOVAL OF ILLEGALLY—PARKED VEHICLES, APPROVING STORAGE FACILITIES FOR SUCH VEHICLES, APPROVING BONDING REQUIREMENT FOR SUCH FACILITIES , PROVIDING FOR TOWING AND STORAGE CHARGES AND PROCEDURES FOR NOTIFICATION OF REMOVAL AND IMPOUNDING OF VEHICLES, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RECORDS OF VEHICLES REMOVED AND IMPOUNDED, PROVIDING THAT THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF VEHICLES REMOVED OR IMPOUNDED REMAIN LIABLE FOR FINE OR PENALTY, RESTRICTING REMOVAL OF IMPOUNDED VEHICLES, PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF THE ORDINANCE, PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF PRIOR INCONSISTANT ORDINANCES, PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE, PROVIDING FOR THE AUTHORITY TO ERECT ALL SIGNS, PLAQUES AND HIGHWAY MATERIALS NEEDED TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS AND INTENT OF THIS ORDINANCE.

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ORDINANCE #49-1990

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ARTICLE I - General Regulations

Section 1. Definitions and Interpretation. (a) 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 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 Ordinance, the singular shall include the plural, the plural shall include the singular, and the masculine shall include the feminine.

Section 2. Manner of Adopting Permanent Traffic and Parking Regulations. All traffic and parking regulations of a permanent nature shall be enacted as ordinances or as parts of ordinances or as amendments to ordinances of the Township of Centre.

Section 3. Temporary and Emergency Regulations. The Board of Supervisors shall have the following powers to regulate traffic and parking temporarily and in time of emergency:

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

(b) In the case of emergency or to facilitate public works, or in the conduct of parades, processions or public events, to restrict or prohibit traffic and/or parking in limited areas for periods of not more than seventy-two (72) hours. Such temporary and emergency regulations shall be enforced by the Police Department in the same manner as permanent regulations. Any person who shall operate or park a vehicle or tractor in violation of any such regulations, or who shall move, remove, destroy, injure or deface any sign or marking erected, posted or made to give notice of any such regulation, shall, upon conviction thereof, be liable to the penalty set forth in the law.

Section 4. Experimental Regulations. The Board of Supervisors may, from time to time, designate places upon and along the highways in the Township where, for a period of not more than ninety (90) days, 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. Such regulations, prohibitions and restrictions shall be effective just as if they had been specified in this Ordinance. 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 Section. Any person who shall violate any provision of this Section shall, upon conviction thereof, be liable to the penalty set forth in the law or elsewhere in this Ordinance for a violation of such nature, and in case of a violation for which no specific penalty is set forth in the law.

ARTICLE II - Traffic Regulations

Section 5. Stop Intersections Established. The intersections listed in Appendix B of this ordinance are hereby established as 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 highway upon the first-named highway, in the direction or directions hereby indicated. All vehicles and tractors approaching any such intersection upon the first-named highway, in the direction or directions hereby indicated in each case, shall come to a full stop, within a reasonable distance, before entering any such intersection.

Section 6. Unlawful to Operate Motor Vehicles or Tractors on Highways Closed for Construction or Repair. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any vehicle or tractor upon any highway in the Township that is under construction, resurfacing or repair, in disregard of any official sign, barricade or notice that the same is closed to vehicular traffic.

Section 7. Yield Intersection Established. The following intersections are established as yield intersections, and official yield signs shall be erected (or are ratified if previously erected) in such a position as to face traffic approaching the second-named street (the through street) on the first-named street (the yield street) in the direction or directions indicated for that intersection. Every driver of a vehicle approaching the intersection on the first named or yield street, in the direction indicated in each case, shall slow down or stop the vehicle as required by Section 3323 (c) of the Vehicle Code, and then yield the right-of-way as required by that subsection of the Vehicle Code.

<u>Yield Sign</u>	<u>Intersecting with</u>	<u>Direction of Travel</u>
Pony T-724	Pony Road T-724	N
Miller Drive	Centerport Road	S

Section 8. Maximum Speed Limits. Maximum speed limits are established on portions of specified streets, as found in Appendix A of this ordinance, and it shall be unlawful for any person to drive a vehicle, on any part of a street where a maximum speed limit applies, at a higher speed than the maximum prescribed for that part of the street. In any approved residential subdivision, the maximum speed limit on all dedicated and accepted Township roads within the subdivision shall be fifteen miles an hour unless the Township Supervisors by specific ordinance or ordinance amendment increases the speed limit on any road within a residential subdivision. From the date of this ordinance, all future residential subdivisions will be included unless a future ordinance excludes the subdivision or a part of the subdivision.

Section 9. Skates, Coasters, Sleds, and other Toy Vehicles. IT Shall be unlawful for any person to ride or operate coasters, sleds, skate boards, all type of skates and any other toy vehicles upon any sidewalk or roadway in the township.

Article III - Parking Regulations

Section 10. Vehicles to be Parked Within Marked Spaces. Wherever a space shall be marked off on any highway for the parking of an individual vehicle, every vehicle there parked shall be parked within the lines bounding such space.

Section 11. Parking Prohibited at All Times in Certain Locations. Parking shall be prohibited at all times in the following locations:

<u>Street</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Between</u>
Cherry Alley	North	Cherry Alley - Elm Street
	South	Cherry Alley - Elm Street
Peach Alley	(a) East	Cherry Alley - Main Street
	(b) West	Cherry Alley - Main Street
Apple Alley	(a) North	Elm Street - Main Street
	(b) South	Elm Street - Main Street
Elm Street	(a) East	Railroad Road - Apple Alley
	(b) West	Railroad Road - Apple Alley
<u>All</u> cul-de sacs		

Section 12. Parking Prohibited on All Bridges. Parking is hereby prohibited on all bridges located in the Township at any and all times.

Section 13. Penalty for Violation. Any person who shall violate any provision of Part III hereof entitled "Parking Regulations" shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine as set forth in the PA Vehicle Code.

ARTICLE IV - Snow and Ice Emergency

Section 14. Declaration of Snow and Ice Emergency. In order to facilitate the movement of traffic and to combat the hazards of snow and ice on the snow emergency routes named herein, the Chairman Of The Board, in his discretion, may declare a snow and ice emergency (designated in this article as a "snow emergency"). Information on the existence of a snow emergency may be given by the Township through radio, newspaper or other available media, and information on the termination of the emergency may be given by use of the same media.

Section 15. Parking Prohibited, Driving Motor Vehicles Restricted, on Snow Emergency Routes During Emergency. After any snow emergency is declared, it shall be unlawful, at any time during the continuance of the emergency, for any person:

- (a) to park a motor vehicle or to allow that vehicle to remain parked anywhere on any snow emergency route designated in this ordinance; or
- (b) to drive any motor vehicle on any such snow emergency route, unless that vehicle is equipped with snow tires or chains.

Section 16. Snow Emergency Routes Designated. The following streets are designated as snow emergency routes:

Schuylkill Hill Road	Shoey Road	Rake Road
Main Street	Plum Road	River Road
Bellemans Church Road	Railroad Road	Irish Creek Road
Shartlesville Road		

ARTICLE V - Removal and Impounding of Illegally Parked Vehicles

Section 17. Authority to Remove and Impound Illegally Parked Vehicles. The Township Police Department is hereby authorized to remove and impound or to order the removal and impounding of any vehicle parked on any of the streets, highways or public property in the Township in violation of any provision of the law or of any ordinance of the Township, or to impound any vehicle authorized or required by the crimes code or any federal law or regulation Provided: no such vehicle shall be removed or impounded except in strict compliance with the provisions of this Article.

Section 18. Approved Storage Facility. The Supervisors by resolution shall designate an approved storage facility or facilities for impounded vehicles

Section 19. Facilities to be Bonded. Every such approved storage facility shall be bonded in the amount as set by resolution by the Board Of Supervisors for the indemnifying of the owner of every such impounded vehicle against the loss thereof, or injury or damage thereto, while in the custody of such owner of impound.

Section 20. Towing and Storage Impoundment Charges. The Supervisors from time to time by resolution shall set the charges for towing, storage and impoundment and for any other charge or cost associated with this Ordinance.

Section 21. Notification of Removal and Impounding. Within twelve (12) hours from the time of removal of any vehicle under authority granted by this Article, notice of the fact that such vehicle has been impounded shall be sent by the Township Police Department to the owner of record of such vehicle. Such notice shall designate the place from which such vehicle was removed, the reason for its removal and impounding, and the storage facility in which it shall have been impounded.

Section 22. Records of Vehicles Removed and Impounded. The Township Police Department shall keep a record of all vehicles impounded and shall be able at all reasonable times to furnish the owners or the agents of the owners thereof with information as to the place of storage of such vehicle.

Section 23. Owner or Operator of Vehicle Remains Liable for Fine or Penalty. The payment of towing and storage charges authorized by this Article shall not operate to relieve the owner or operator of any vehicle from liability for any fine or penalty for violation of any law or ordinance on account of which such vehicle was removed and impounded.

Section 24. Restrictions Upon Removal of Vehicles. No vehicle shall be removed under the authority of this Article if, at the time of the intended removal thereof, the owner or person for the time being in charge of such vehicle is present and expresses a willingness and intention to remove such vehicle immediately.

Section 25. Impoundment Area. Before a Garage or portion of a garage facility is approved as an impoundment area for vehicles under this ordinance and the PA Motor Vehicle Code, PA Crimes Code and Federal Law and regulations as set forth in this article, the Chief of Police shall approve the area designated and shall establish procedures for the security of the vehicles, including use of seals, locks etc.

The release of the vehicles from impoundment shall be under the direction of the investigating officer who impounded said vehicle.

The Chief of Police, his designee or the officer in charge (O.I.C.) of the Police Department shall be notified of the impoundment and a full written report shall be made before the investigating officer ends his/her tour of duty.

ARTICLE VI - Interpretation and Authority

Section 26. Authority to Act. The proper officials are authorized to procure and erect all signs, monuments, plaques and highway material needed to carry out the provisions and intent of this Ordinance.

Section 27. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable, and if any of its provisions shall be held to be unconstitutional, illegal or otherwise invalid, 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, illegal or otherwise invalid provision not been included herein.

Section 28. Provisions to be a Continuance 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 of prosecution pending or to be instituted to enforce any of these repealed ordinances or regulations.

Section 29. Repeal of Certain Prior Ordinances. All prior ordinances of the Township of Centre in so far as they deal with the regulation of traffic and/or parking are repealed and declared unenforceable in so far as they are inconsistent with or identical to any provision of this Ordinance.

Section 30. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after enactment. ENACTED AND ORDAINED as an Ordinance this tenth day of February, 1993.

TOWNSHIP OF CENTRE

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Chairman

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Attest: Secretary of the Township of Centre

Appendix A. Maximum Speed Limits.

STREET	BETWEEN	SPEED LIMIT
Archwood Drive	entire length	15
Beagle Road	macadam surfaced	30
Beagle Road	non-macadamed surfaced	20
Bossier Road	entire length	30
Bucks Hill Road	entire length	30
Callow Hill Drive	from Northend Road to Centerport Boro Line	30
Centerport Road	from Centerport Boro to Bellemans Church Road	35
Centre Road	from Garfield Road to Bern Twp line	35
Data Road	entire length	30
Drake Road	entire length	30
Easter Street	entire length	30
Gin Mill Road	entire length	15
Grove Road	entire length	30
Hook Road	entire length	15
Indian Trail Road	entire length	30
Irish Creek Road	from Drake Road to Tilden Road	40
Irish Run Road	from Drake Road to Centerport Boro line	35
Kaley Court	entire length	15
Kocher Drive	entire length	15
Meadow Drive	entire length	15
North End Road	entire length	30
Pear Road	Main Street & Railroad oad	35
Pine Road	entire length	15
Plum Road	entire length	35
Pony Road	entire length	35
Railroad Road	from Main Street - 1/2 mile southwest	25
Railroad Road	from 1/2 mile southwest of Main Street to Bellemans Church Road	35
Rake Road	entire length	30
River Road	entire length	30
Rolling Glen	entire length	15
School Road	entire length	40
Schuylkill Hill	entire length	25
Sleepy Hollow	entire length	15
Stone Road	entire length	35
Tower Road	entire length	30
Trolley Road	entire length	30
Valley Road	entire length	30
Victoria Drive	entire length	15

Appendix B. Stop Intersections.

STOP STREET	INTERSECTING OR THROUGH STREET	DIRECTION OF TRAVEL
Apple Alley	Main Street	N
Archwood Drive	Sleepy Hollow Drive	N
Archwood Drive	North End Road	S
Bagenstose Road	Rake Road	E
Beagle Road	Bossler	W
Beagle Road	Schuylkill Hill Road	NE
Belleman Road	Garfield Road	NW
Blattadah! Road	Tilden Road	N
Blattadah! Road	Irish Creek Road	S
Boar Road	Garfield Road	SW
Boar Road	Garfield Road	NE
Bootleg Road	Rake Road	E
Bossler Road	Bellemans Church Road	N
Bossler Road	Butter Lane	S
Bucks Hill Road	Tower Road	SW
Bucks Hill Road	Centerport Road	NE
Callow Hill Drive	North End Road	N
Centerport Road	Bellemans Church Road	SE
Centre Road	Garfield Road	NE
Cherry Alley	Pear Road	W
Data Road	Bossler	SE
Data Road	Garfield Road	NW
Drake Road	Shartlesville Road	N
Drake Road	Irish Creek Road	S
Easter Street	Main Street	E
Easter Street	Centerport Road	W
Elm Street	Apple Alley	N
Elm Street	Railroad Road	S
Ernst Drive	Plum Road	S
Gin Mill Road	Bellemans Church Road	S
Gin Mill Road	Grove Road	N
Grimm Avenue	Shore Drive	W
Grimm Avenue	Railroad Road	E
Grove Road	Railroad Road	E
Grove Road	Centerport Road	W
Grove Road	Railroad Road	W
Hickory Road	Stone	S
Hickory Road	Bellemans Church Road	N
Hook Road	Tilden Road	N
Hook Road	Irish Creek Road	S
Indian Trail Road	Bellemans Church Road	S
Indian Trail Road	Tower Road	N
Irish Run Road	Grove Road	S
Jungle Road	Boundry Road	E
Kissinger Avenue	Shore Drive	W
Kissinger Avenue	Railroad Road	E
Kocher Drive	Tower Road	N
Lesher Mill Road	Tilden Road	S
Manor Drive	Shartlesville Road	W
Manor Drive	Shartlesville Road	E
Meadow Drive	Tilden Road	E
Meadow Drive	Hook Road T712	W
Miller Drive	Bucks Hill T681	N
North End Road	River Road T558	W

Appendix B. Stop Intersections. (continued)

STOP STREET	INTERSECTING OR THROUGH STREET	DIRECTION OF TRAVEL
North End Road	Shoey Road	E
North End Road	Berne Road	E
North End Road	Archwood Drive	E
North Garfield	Plum Road	W
Peach Alley	Main Street	N
Peach Alley	Cherry Alley	S
Pear Road	Main Street	N
Penny Hill Road	Hickory	E
Penny Hill Road	Rake Road	W
Phillips Road	Tilden Road	SW
Pine Road	Bellemans Church Road	E
Pine Road	Pony Road	W
Pony Road	Bellemans Church Road	N
Pony Road	Garfield Road	SE
Pony Road	School Road	NW
Possum Road	Berne Road	S
Quarry Road	Pony Road	NW
Quarry Road	Garfield Road	SE
Railroad Road	Main Street	N
Railroad Road	Bellemans Church Road	S
Railroad Road	Pear Road	SW
Railroad Road	Grove Road	W
Rake Road	Irish Creek Road	N
River Road	North End Road	S
School Road	Garfield Road	SE
School Road	Pony Road	N
Schuylkill Hill Road	Bellemans Church Road	N
Shore Drive	Railroad Road	N
Shore Drive	Railroad Road	S
Sleepy Hollow Drive	Archwood Drive	E
Sleepy Hollow Drive	Archwood Drive	W
Sleepy Hollow Drive	North End Road	W
South Garfield Road	Plum Road	E
Stone Road	Pony Road	E
Stone Road	Rake Road	W
Tiny Road	Pear Road	W
Tiny Road	Main Street	E
Tower Road	Bellemans Church Road	SW
Tower Road	Centerport Road	E
Trolley Road	Shartlesville Road	N
Trolley Road	Irish Creek Road	S
Valley Road	Tower Road	SE
Valley Road	Irish Creek Road	NW
Victoria Drive	Pine Road	S
Willow Road	River Road	NE
Willow Road	River Road	SE
Winterhill Road	Tilden Road	E