

ORDINANCE NO. 17- 3

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER, COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 172, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, BY PROVIDING FOR REGULATIONS FOR THE PARKING OF VEHICLES IN THE FRONT YARD OF ANY LOT, AND REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HERewith

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Board of Supervisors of Hanover Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania as follows:

SECTION 1. The Supervisors of Hanover Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, under the powers vested in them by the “Second Class Township Code” and the “Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code”, as amended, as well as other laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby ordain and enact the following amendment to the Hanover Township Codified Ordinance, as amended.

SECTION 2. Chapter 172, Vehicles and Traffic, of the Code of Ordinances, Section 172-2 Definitions, Subsection B is hereby amended by adding the following new definitions:

“B. as used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

Driveway means that space on a lot built to Township standards and specifications, not to exceed 20 feet in width, except where such space forms the apron to the entrance of a garage, specifically designated and used for the movement of vehicles, trailers and watercraft to or from the lot or to or from a public street.

Front yard means that space on a lot extending the full width of the lot and situated between the street and front line of the main building on the lot. However, where a lot is located at the intersection of two or more streets, the front yard shall, in addition, include that space on the lot extending the full width or length of the lot and situated between the street line and side line of the main building on the lot.

Trailer means any contrivance without motive power designed for transporting property or persons and for being drawn by a vehicle.

Watercraft means any contrivance used or designated for navigation and the transport of persons or property on water and includes, but is not limited to, any boat, raft, vessel, canoe, ship, motor vessel, motorboat or rowboat.”

SECTION 3. Chapter 172, Vehicles and Traffic, of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by adding a new Section 172-43 Parking in the Front Yard to read as follows:

“§172-43 Parking in the Front Yard.

A. In all Zoning Districts as set forth in the Hanover Township Zoning Ordinance, no person shall park or place a vehicle, trailer or watercraft in a Front Yard.

However, this section shall not apply:

- (1) To vehicles parked or placed in a driveway;
- (2) While engaged in actual loading and unloading, including moving in or out;
- (3) Where permitted pursuant to any other provision of the Code of Ordinances;
- (4) Where any person parking any vehicle in a front yard is handicapped and has been issued a valid certificate attesting thereto, pursuant to the ADA Act.
- (5) Where parking areas were legally established by designating Front Yard parking in conjunction with plans submitted for building permits which were issued prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.
- (7) For work vehicles when performing work in conjunction with a valid permit issued by the Zoning Officer for the property.
- (8) Temporary parking for large events held in residential properties, shall be permitted in the Front Yard, with no overnight parking permitted.
- (9) Temporary overflow parking for events being conducted on municipal property or at a public entity of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, shall be permitted in the Front Yard, with no overnight parking permitted.
- (10) Any declared emergency; local, commonwealth or federal.

B. Violations and penalties. Any person convicted of a violation of this section shall be sentenced to pay those fines and costs established by the applicable provisions of the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code and/or those fines and penalties established in §172-31 of the Code of Ordinances, as amended. If no fine is set by the aforesaid, then the fine shall be \$300, and costs for each violation. Disposition of said fine or fines shall be made in accordance with the provisions of the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code and/or the provisions of §172-31 of the Code or Ordinances, as amended.

SECTION 4. All ordinances and parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable and if any provision thereof shall be declared unconstitutional, illegal or 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 of the Township that this Ordinance would have been enacted has such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid provisions(s) not been included herein.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall become effective five days after enactment.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Hanover, County of Northampton this 14th day of February 2017.

of Supervisors.

ATTEST:

By: Elizabeth D. Ritter
ELIZABETH D. RITTER, Secretary
Board of Supervisors

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By: John N. Diacogiannis
JOHN N. DIACOGIANNIS,
Chairman, Board of Supervisors