

TOWNSHIP OF CATHARINE
BLAIR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NUMBER 37

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CATHARINE, BLAIR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING A TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDINANCE IN THE TOWNSHIP AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

BE IT AND IT IS hereby enacted and ordained by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Catharine, Blair County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

SECTION I. GENERAL REGULATIONS

101. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as the "Catharine Township Traffic Ordinance".

102. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS.

A. Words and phrases, when used in this Ordinance, except where otherwise specifically provided, shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code (The Act of June 17, 1976, P.L. 162, No. 8) as amended, except that, in this Ordinance, the word "street" or "road" or "alley" may be used interchangeably with the word "highway" and shall have the same meaning as the word "highway" as described in the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code.

B. In this Ordinance, the singular shall include the plural, the plural shall include the singular, and the masculine shall include the feminine.

103. MANNER OF ADOPTING PERMANENT TRAFFIC AND PARKING REGULATIONS.

All traffic and parking regulations of a permanent nature shall be enacted as Ordinances, as parts of Ordinances, or as amendments to this Ordinance.

104. CONTINUATION OF PRIOR ORDINANCES.

The provisions of this Ordinance, so far as they are the same as those of Ordinances in force prior to the adoption 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 such Ordinances or Regulations as aforesaid.

105. DEFACING, DESTROYING, ALTERING, REORIENTING, MOVING, OR REMOVING

OFFICIAL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES.

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to deface, destroy, alter, obliterate, reorient, move, or remove any official traffic control device (i.e., sign, light, etc.) authorized by this Ordinance and/or erected by the Township unless specifically authorized to do so by the Township Board of Supervisors.

B. Any person convicted of violating Subsection "A" shall be sentenced to pay those fines and costs established by the applicable provisions of the Vehicle Code or subsequent act of the General Assembly which amends said Vehicle Code. If no fine is set in the aforesaid then the fine shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25) and costs. Disposition of said fine or fines shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Vehicle Code.

106. TEMPORARY AND EMERGENCY REGULATIONS.

A. The Township Supervisors shall have the following powers to regulate traffic and parking temporarily and in the time of emergency:

1. In case of fire, flood, storm or other emergency to establish temporary traffic and/or parking regulations; and

2. In case of emergency public works or public events of limited scope and duration, to restrict or prohibit traffic and/or parking in limited areas for periods of not more than seventy two (72) hours.

B. Those temporary and emergency regulations shall be enforced by the Township Supervisors, or their authorized agents, in the same manner as permanent regulations. Any person who drives or parks a vehicle in violation of any such regulations, or who moves, removes, destroys, injures or defaces any sign or marking erected, posted, or made to give notice of any such regulation shall be guilty of a violation, and upon conviction, shall be liable to the penalty set forth in the law or elsewhere in this Ordinance, to a fine of twenty-five (\$25) dollars and costs.

107. EXPERIMENTAL REGULATIONS.

The Township Supervisors may, from time to time, designate places upon and along Township streets, roads or alleys 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 those locations by proper signs and markings. Those regulations, prohibitions and restrictions shall be effective just as if they had been specified in this Ordinance. No person shall drive or park a vehicle 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 violates any provision

of this Section shall, upon conviction, be liable to the penalty set forth in the law or elsewhere in this Ordinance for a violation of that nature, and in case of a violation for which no specific penalty is set forth in the law or elsewhere in this Ordinance, to a fine of twenty-five (\$25) dollars and costs. Provided; the purpose of the Section is to allow for the test and experimental determination of the feasibility and desirability of permanent changes in the Ordinance of the Township relating to traffic and parking.

108. TRAFFIC ON STREETS CLOSED OR RESTRICTED FOR CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND SPECIAL EVENTS.

A. The Township Supervisors, Township Roadmaster, State Police, or other specifically authorized agents of the Township shall have the authority to close any highway to vehicular traffic and to place barriers or flagpersons at each end of the closed portion, while construction or maintenance work is underway or a special event is being conducted on this closed portion. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive a motor vehicle upon such a closed portion.

B. The Township Supervisors and the Township Roadmaster shall have authority to establish a restricted traffic area upon any street where construction or maintenance work is underway, and to station flagpersons at each end of the restricted portion. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive a motor vehicle upon any such restricted area at any time when a flagperson is displaying a sign directing that vehicle to stop, or is signaling that vehicle, by flag or other device, not to proceed.

C. Any person who violates any provision of Section 108 of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, be liable to pay a fine of twenty-five (\$25) dollars and costs.

109. AUTHORITY OF POLICE OFFICERS.

The Pennsylvania State Police and other specifically authorized agents of the Township shall have authority on all highways, streets, roads, alleys, and intersections within the Township where the provisions of the Vehicle Code and this Ordinance apply to do the following:

A. Regulate and control traffic.

B. Enforce, as prescribed by law, speed restrictions of the Vehicle Code and this Ordinance by or with any device, instrument or other means authorized or not prohibited by the Vehicle Code or regulations of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to include, but not limited to, use of speedometers, excessive speed preventer, speed check, VASCAR PLUS, and stop watches.

C. Enforce, as prescribed by law, provisions of the Vehicle Code concerning Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and/or Drugs, by or until any advice, instrument, procedure or other means

The maximum speed limits established under Subsection "B",

TWP Route 1458 (Shortcut Road)

1 - 35 MPH Restriction

The maximum speed at which vehicles may proceed on or along those highways or parts of highways in Catharine Township, Blair County, Pennsylvania, described below is hereby established at the rate of speed indicated for the length of the entire street(s) listed as follows:

B. Speed Limits

The Township, in coordination with PENNDOT, has conducted engineering and traffic investigations in accordance with the regulations promulgated by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to determine the safe speeds for traffic upon the highways within the Township. The Board of Supervisors of Catharine Township, Blair County, Pennsylvania, in order to provide for the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of Catharine Township and travelers within and through the Township, desires to establish speed limits on highways or parts of highways in the Township in accordance with those studies and investigations.

A. Legislative Intent

201. MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS ESTABLISHED ON CERTAIN HIGHWAYS OR PARTS OF HIGHWAYS WITHIN CATHARINE TOWNSHIP.

SECTION II. TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

During an actual emergency situation such as a fire, accident, storm, or flood to which the Williamsburg Fire Department responds, the Fire Chief shall, when deemed necessary, have temporary authority to control traffic patterns and parking to facilitate such fire fighting or rescue operations and to protect the health, safety, welfare and property of Township residents or passersby.

110. AUTHORITY OF FIRE FIGHTING, EMERGENCY, OR RESCUE PERSONNEL.

D. Enforce, as prescribed by law, any and all provisions of the Vehicle Code and this Ordinance within Catharine Township using any device, instrument, equipment, or other means authorized or not prohibited by the Vehicle Code or regulations of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

authorized or not prohibited by the Vehicle Code or regulations of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to include, but not limited to, use of the Smith and Wesson Breathalyzer, Models 900, 900A, and/or 1000, or any other testing instrument or devices as authorized by such law and/or regulations.

A. At the following intersections, every driver of a vehicle traveling upon the designated intersecting street, in the direction indicated, shall use the right lane only for making a right turn into the intersecting street, and shall not travel straight across the intersection or make a left turn from the right lane:

204. USE OF RIGHT LANE REQUIRED AT CERTAIN INTERSECTIONS FOR MAKING RIGHT TURN ONLY.

Any person convicted of a violation of subsection "A" shall be sentenced to pay those fines and costs established by the applicable provisions of the Vehicle Code or any subsequent act of the General Assembly which amends said Vehicle Code. Disposition of said fine or fines shall be made in accordance with the provisions of the Vehicle Code.

(Reserved)

INTERSECTION VEHICLE TRAVELING ON FACING

A. The following are established as intersections where drivers of vehicles headed in the direction or directions indicated are prohibited from making a right turn on a steady red light:

203. INTERSECTIONS WHERE TURN PROHIBITED ON RED SIGNAL.

Any driver who disobeys the directions of any traffic control signal shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay those fines and costs established by the applicable provisions of the Vehicle Code or any subsequent act of the General Assembly which amends said Vehicle Code. Disposition of said fine or fines shall be made in accordance with the provisions of the Vehicle Code.

(Reserved)

LOCATION TYPE OF SIGNAL

A. At the following locations, traffic signals as indicated below shall be erected and traffic shall be directed at those signals:

202. TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT CERTAIN LOCATIONS.

Any person convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of subsection "B" shall be sentenced to pay those fines and costs established by the applicable provisions of the Vehicle Code or any subsequent act of the General Assembly which amends said Vehicle Code. Disposition of said fine or fines shall be made in accordance with the provisions of the Vehicle Code.

"Speed Limits" shall be posted on official traffic control devices erected in accordance with the regulations adopted by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation or any successor agency.

STREET DIRECTION OF TRAVEL APPROACHING INTERSECTION WITH

(Reserved)

" Any person convicted of a violation of Subsection "A" shall be sentenced to pay those fines and costs established by the applicable provisions of the Vehicle Code or subsequent act of the General Assembly which amends said Vehicle Code. Disposition of said fine or fines shall be made in accordance with the provisions of the Vehicle Code.

205. TURNING AT CERTAIN INTERSECTIONS RESTRICTED.

A. It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle traveling upon the first named street at any of the following intersections, in the direction or directions indicated in each case, to make a left turn and/or a right turn, as indicated, into the second named street:

VEHICLES TRAVELING ON	DIRECTION OF TRAVEL	NOT TO MAKE INTO
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(Reserved)

" Any person convicted of a violation of Subsection "A" shall be sentenced to pay those fines and costs established by the applicable provisions of the Vehicle Code or any subsequent act of the General Assembly which amends said Vehicle Code. Disposition of said fine or fines shall be made in accordance with the provisions of the Vehicle Code.

206. ONE WAY STREETS ESTABLISHED.

A. The following are established as one-way streets, and it shall be unlawful for any person to drive a vehicle upon a one-way street other than in the direction established for traffic upon that street:

STREET	FROM	TO	DIRECTION OF TRAVEL
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(Reserved)

" Any person convicted of a violation of Subsection "A" shall be sentenced to pay those fines and costs established by the applicable provisions of the Vehicle Code or any subsequent act by the General Assembly which amends said Vehicle Code. Disposition of said fine or fines shall be made in accordance with the provisions of the Vehicle Code.

207. STOP INTERSECTIONS ESTABLISHED.

A. The following intersections are established as stop intersections and official stop signs shall be erected (or are

erected if previously erected) in such a position as to face traffic approaching the second-named street on the first-named street stop intersection, in the direction or directions indicated for that intersection. Every driver of a vehicle approaching the intersection upon the first-named street, in the direction indicated in each case, shall stop the vehicle as required by Section 3323 (B) of the Vehicle Code, and shall not proceed into or across the second-named street until he/she has followed all applicable requirements of that Section of the law:

	STOP STREET	THROUGH STREET	DIRECTION OF TRAVEL
1.	TWP Route T610	U.S. Route 22	East
2.	TWP Route T457	U.S. Route 22	East
3.	TWP Route T465	U.S. Route 22	East
4.	TWP Route T463	U.S. Route 22	West
5.	TWP Route T463	S.R. 2017	East
6.	TWP Route T461	U.S. Route 22	West
7.	TWP Route T461	S.R. 2017	East
8.	TWP Route T459	S.R. 2015	West
9.	TWP Route T459	S.R. 2017	East
10.	TWP Route T460	S.R. 2017	West
11.	TWP Route T454	S.R. 2017	West
12.	TWP Route T455	S.R. 2017	West
13.	TWP Route T458	U.S. Route 22	West
14.	TWP Route T458	S.R. 2015	East
15.	TWP Route T451	S.R. 866	South
16.	N. Recreation Drive	S.R. 2015	West
17.	Recreation Drive 3-way	Locust Street	South
18.	Recreation Drive 3-way	Locust Street	North
19.	Recreation Drive 3-way	Walnut Street	South
20.	Recreation Drive 3-way	Walnut Street	North
21.	Recreation Drive 3-way	Chestnut Street	South
22.	Recreation Drive 3-way	Chestnut Street	North
23.	Recreation Drive	Home Street	South
24.	Recreation Drive	Home Street	North
25.	S. Recreation Drive	S.R. 2015	West
26.	Locust Street 3-way	Recreation Drive	East
27.	Locust Street	S.R. 2015	West
28.	Walnut Street 3-way	Recreation Drive	East
29.	Walnut Street	S.R. 2015	West
30.	Chestnut Street 3-way	Recreation Drive	East
31.	Chestnut Street	S.R. 2015	West
32.	Home Street	S.R. 2015	West
33.	Home Street	S.R. 2015	East
34.	Home Street	Plum Street	East
35.	Plum Street	Home Street	South
36.	Plum Street	Chestnut Street	North
37.	Plum Street	Chestnut Street	South
38.	Chestnut Street	S.R. 2015	East
39.	Walnut Street	S.R. 2015	East
40.	Locust Street	S.R. 2015	East

B. Any person convicted of violating Subsection "A" shall be sentenced to pay those fines and costs established by the applicable provisions of the Vehicle Code or any subsequent act of the General Assembly which amends said Vehicle Code. Disposition of said fine or fines shall be made in accordance with the provisions of the Vehicle Code.

208. YIELD INTERSECTIONS ESTABLISHED.

A. The following intersections are established as yield intersections and official yield signs shall be erected (or 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 street 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 sub-section of the Vehicle Code:

YIELD STREET	THROUGH STREET	DIRECTION OF TRAVEL
T463 Bridge	T463 Bridge West	East

B. Any person convicted of a violation of Subsection "A" shall be sentenced to pay those fines and costs established by the applicable provisions of the Vehicle Code or any subsequent act of the General Assembly which amends said Vehicle Code. Disposition of said fine or fines shall be made in accordance with the provisions of the Vehicle Code.

209. TRUCK TRAFFIC RESTRICTED ON CERTAIN STREETS. ✓

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive any vehicle exceeding the established weight limits upon the following streets or parts of streets:

STREET	BETWEEN	WEIGHT LIMIT
T463	U.S. Route 22 and S.R. 2017	21,000 lbs ✓
T461	U.S. Route 22 and S.R. 2017	21,000 lbs
T459	S.R. 2015 and S.R. 2017	21,000 lbs
T458	U.S. Route 22 and S.R. 2015	21,000 lbs

B. Except that nothing in Section 209 shall prohibit any driver from driving a commercial vehicle or truck on any part of any such street when necessary to do so in order to pick up or deliver any goods, wares, merchandise, or material from or to any premises located on any such street or portion of a street or any premises located on

another street where there is no other means of access to that street.

Any person convicted of a violation of Subsection "A" shall be sentenced to pay those fines and costs established by the applicable provisions of the Vehicle Code or any subsequent act of the General Assembly which amends said Vehicle Code. If no fine is set by the aforesaid, then the fine shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25) and costs. Disposition of said fine or fines shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Vehicle Code.

210. TRUCK TRAFFIC RESTRICTED ON CERTAIN BRIDGES.

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive any vehicle exceeding the established weight limits across any of the following bridges:

LOCATION OF BRIDGE	BETWEEN	LIMIT
TWP Route 463	U.S. Route 22 and S.R. 2017	9 Tons
TWP Route 458	U.S. Route 22 and S.R. 2015	8 Tons

B. Any person convicted of a violation of Subsection "A" shall be sentenced to pay those fines and costs established by the applicable provisions of the Vehicle Code or any subsequent act of the General Assembly which amends said Vehicle Code. If no fine is set by the aforesaid, then the fine shall be twenty-five (\$25) dollars and costs. Disposition of said fine or fines shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Vehicle Code.

SECTION III PARKING

301. VEHICLES TO REMAIN WITHIN MARKED SPACES.

Whenever a space is marked off on any street for parking of an individual vehicle, every vehicle there parked shall be parked wholly within the lines bounding that space, and it shall be a violation of Section III of this Ordinance for any person to park a vehicle or allow it to be parked otherwise.

302. GENERAL REGULATION CONCERNING STOPPING, STANDING, AND PARKING VEHICLES.

A. Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or to protect the safety of any person or vehicle or in compliance with the law or directions of a Police Officer or official traffic control device, no person shall:

1. Stop, stand or park a vehicle

a. on the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of the street,

b. on any sidewalk,
c. within any intersection,
d. on any crosswalk,
e. between a safety zone and the adjacent curb within thirty (30) feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone.

f. alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction which would obstruct traffic.

g. upon any bridge or other elevated structure.

h. on any railroad tracks.

i. on public or private property which is expressly reserved for handicapped persons or disabled veterans when said property has been posted in accordance with the regulations of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

j. at any place where official signs prohibit stopping.

2. Stand or park a vehicle

a. in front of a public or private driveway.

b. within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant.

c. within twenty (20) feet of a crosswalk at an intersection.

d. within thirty (30) feet of any flashing signal, stop sign, yield sign, or traffic control signal located at the side of the roadway.

e. within twenty (20) feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station or when properly posted, on the side of the street opposite the entrance to any fire station within seventy-five (75) feet of the entrance.

f. on a limited-access highway unless authorized by official traffic control devices.

g. at any place where official signs prohibit standing.

3. Park a vehicle

a. within fifty (50) feet of the nearest rail of a railroad.

1. to park a motor vehicle or to allow that vehicle to remain parked anywhere on any snow emergency route designated in subsection (C); or
2. to drive any motor vehicle on any such emergency route, unless that vehicle is equipped with snow tires, all season radial tires, or chains.

B. 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. DECLARATION OF SNOW AND ICE EMERGENCY. In order to facilitate the movement of traffic and to combat snow and ice on the snow emergency routes named in Subsection (C), the Board of Supervisors or the Township Roadmaster, in their discretion, may declare a snow and ice emergency ("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.

304. SNOW AND ICE EMERGENCY

(Reserved)

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

303. PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES IN CERTAIN AREAS.

1. on a two-way highway, the vehicle shall be positioned parallel to either the curb or the edge of the highway and in all cases in the direction of authorized traffic movement.
2. on a one-way highway, the vehicle shall be positioned parallel to the curb or edge of the highway in the direction of authorized traffic movement. The vehicle shall be parked so that its wheels are within twelve (12) inches of the curb, or in the absence of a curb, as close as practicable to the shoulder of the road.

Every vehicle standing or parked on a highway shall be positioned as follows:

a. at any place where official signs prohibit parking.
b. No person shall park or leave unattended a vehicle on private property without the consent of the owner or other person in control or possession of the property except in case of emergency or disablement of the vehicle, in which case the operator shall arrange for removal of the vehicle as soon as possible.
c. Every vehicle standing or parked on a highway shall be positioned as follows:

C. SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES DESIGNATED. The following streets are designated as snow emergency routes:

(Reserved)

305. PENALTY FOR VIOLATION.

Any person convicted of a violation of any provisions of Section III shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than fifteen (\$15) dollars and costs. Provided, however, that the police officer citing the violation shall attach or place upon the vehicle a notice stating that the vehicle was parked in violation of this Ordinance, and noting the date, time and location of the offense, the nature of the offense, the license and registration of the vehicle in violation, and the amount of the fine. The notice shall contain instructions to the owner or driver of the vehicle that if he/she will pay the sum indicated within forty-eight (48) hours after the time of notice, that act will save the violator from prosecution and payment of the fine and costs prescribed in the first sentence of this Section.

SECTION IV ADMINISTRATION AND REPEAL.

401. NONREPEALER AND REPEALS.

Any other traffic regulation previously adopted by the Township of Catharine, not inconsistent with this Ordinance, shall remain in full force and effect and shall not be deemed repealed by the enactment of this Ordinance. Any such regulations, to the extent required, shall be considered ratified and confirmed by the enactment of this Ordinance. The provisions of this Ordinance shall not affect any suit or prosecution pending or to be instituted to enforce any inconsistent ordinances.

402. SEVERABILITY.

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and if any section, word, sentence, clause, part or provision hereof shall be held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining sections, words, sentences, clauses, parts or provisions of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Board of Supervisors that this Ordinance would have been enacted if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional section, word, sentence, clause, part or provision had not been included herein.

403. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after its enactment by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Catharine, as provided by law.

Duly ordained and enacted the 12th day of April, 1993 by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Catharine, Blair County,

Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

TOWNSHIP OF CATHARINE
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