

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
Ordinance No. 2212

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 156 – “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC,” ARTICLE IV –
“METERED PARKING,” SECTIONS 30 THROUGH 38; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 157
“PARKING OF VEHICLES,” SECTIONS 2 – “VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES,” AND 5 –
“NOTICE,” AND REPEALING ALL INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES**

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 1502.44 of the First Class Township Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 53 P.S. §56544, the Board of Commissioners has the authority to enact and amend provisions of the Abington Township Code (“Code”) at any time it deems necessary for the health, safety, morals, general welfare, cleanliness, beauty, convenience and comfort of the Township and the inhabitants thereof; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 1502.10 of the First Class Township Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 53 P.S. §56510, the Board of Commissioners has the authority to take all needful means for securing the safety of persons or property within the Township; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 1502.49 of the First Class Township Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 53 P.S. §56549, the Board of Commissioners has the authority to regulate traffic and parking; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that it is in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of its residents to amend Chapter 156 – “Vehicles and Traffic,” at Article IV – “Metered Parking,” Sections 30 through 38, and Chapter 157 – “Parking of Vehicles,” at Sections 2 – “Violations and Penalties, and 5 – “Notice,” as set forth herein. .

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ordained, enacted and adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington, as follows:

Section 1. Amendment of Chapter 156. Chapter 156 “Vehicles and Traffic,” is amended at Article IV – “Metered Parking,” Sections 30 through 38 as set forth in Exhibit “A” hereto, with the stricken text indicating the deleted portions of the Code and the underlined text indicating the added portions of the Code.

Section 2. Amendment of Chapter 157. Chapter 157 – “Parking of Vehicles,” is amended as follows:

- A. Section 2 – “Violations and Penalties,” is amended at Subsection A, to read as follows, with the stricken text indicating the deleted portions of the Code and the underlined text indicating the added portions of the Code:

“Penalty for parking violations in metered zones shall be \$20.”

- B. Section 5 – “Notice,” is amended at Subsection 1(d), to read as follows, with the stricken text indicating the deleted portions of the Code and the underlined text indicating the added portions of the Code:

“(d) Meter zone, where applicable.”

Exhibit "A"

§ 156-30 Installation of Metered Parking Signage

- A. In said metered parking zones, appropriate signage shall be installed in the area of the parking spaces provided in § 156-37 of this article, indicating the parking zone number and method(s) of payment. The Police Department shall be responsible for ensuring the signage is correctly placed and is visible.

§ 156-31 Manner of Parking

- A. When a parking space in any metered parking zone is parallel with the adjacent curb or sidewalk, any vehicle parked in such parking space shall be parked so that the foremost part of such vehicle shall be nearest to the parking sign; provided, however, that where double parking signs are installed upon one standard so as to serve two parking spaces, any vehicle parked in the space just beyond the parking sign shall be parked so that the rear bumper of such vehicle shall be nearest to the parking sign. When a parking space in any metered parking zone is diagonal to the curb or sidewalk, any vehicle parked in such parking space shall be parked with the foremost part of such vehicle nearest to such sign.

§ 156-32 Payment for Parking

When any vehicle shall be parked in any space adjacent to which a parking sign is located in accordance with the provisions of this article, the operator shall, upon entering the said parking space, immediately make payment as is required for such parking and as is designated by proper instructions on the parking sign, and failure to make appropriate payment shall constitute a breach of this article and shall subject such person to the penalty prescribed hereafter. Upon making the required payment, the parking space may be lawfully occupied by such vehicle during the period of parking time which has been prescribed for the zone in which said parking space is located and for which the payment was made. If said vehicle shall remain parked in any such parking space beyond the parking time limit so fixed for such parking space, such vehicle shall be considered as parked overtime and beyond the period of legal parking time. The parking of a vehicle overtime or beyond the period of legal parking time in any metered parking zone, shall be a violation of this article and punishable as hereinafter set forth.

§156-32.1 Special parking privileges.

- A. Exemption for disabled veterans, handicapped persons, former prisoners of war and Congressional Medal of Honor holders from parking time limits and parking fees.
 - 1. When a motor vehicle bearing a disabled veterans plate, disabled veteran placard, a handicapped plate, a handicapped placard, a prisoner of war plate or a Congressional Medal of Honor plate is being operated by or for transportation of a disabled veteran or a physically handicapped person, the driver shall be entitled to park without limitation as to

time and without payment of any parking ~~meter~~ fees on streets where parking is limited but not prohibited by Abington parking regulations or by the Vehicle Code.

2. Such motor vehicles shall comply with all parking prohibitions.

§ 156-33 Violations

It shall be unlawful and a violation of the provisions of this article for any person:

- A. To cause, allow, permit or suffer any vehicle registered in the name of or operated by such person to be parked overtime or beyond the period of legal parking time established for any metered parking zone as herein described.
- B. To park any vehicle across any line or marking of a metered parking space or in such position that the vehicle shall not be entirely within the area designated by such lines or markings.
- C. To deface, injure, tamper with, or willfully break, destroy or impair the usefulness of any parking sign installed under the provisions of this article.

§ 156-34 RESERVED

§ 156-35 RESERVED

§ 156-36 General Provisions

- A. Temporary suspension of provisions. The provisions of this article may be temporarily suspended by the Township and the Township may prescribe temporarily such other rules and regulations as traffic conditions may require.
- B. Suspension of provisions on designated holidays. All metered parking throughout the Township of Abington is hereby dispensed with on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- C. Erection of signs. The Township is authorized to erect or cause to be erected appropriate signs notifying the operators of motor vehicles of the provisions of this article.

§ 156-37 Parking Meter Zones Established

On-highway parking zones. Metered parking ~~meter~~ zones are hereby established upon the highways or parts of highways described below, with maximum parking time periods as indicated:

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B. Off-highway parking zones. Off-highway metered parking zones are hereby established as described below, the maximum parking time periods as indicated on all days, except Sundays and holidays, during the hours set forth below.

§ 156-38 Metered Parking Rates

The charge for the zones established above shall be \$1.00 for parking 60 minutes or any portion thereof. This parking rate does not include any charges or convenience fees imposed by a 3rd party vendor for the use of their application to make parking payments.

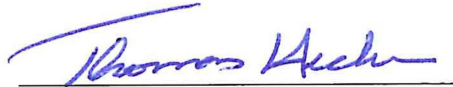
Section 3. Severability. Should any section, paragraph, clause or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by legislation or a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby, and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. Inconsistencies. All prior ordinances, resolutions and/or other official acts or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect sixty (60) days after enactment.

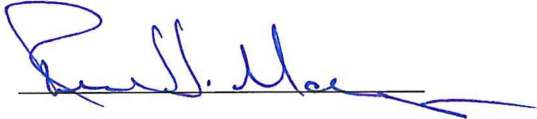
**DULY ORDAINED, ENACTED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON THIS 11th DAY OF April, 2024.**

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP



Thomas Hecker, President
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Richard J. Manfredi,
Township Manager & Secretary