

BEFORE THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF EMMAUS,
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 1268

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EMMAUS, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,
AMENDING CHAPTER 15 §209.1, RESTRICTING TRAFFIC FROM TURNING ONTO HOWARD
STREET FROM LONG STREET AND ESTABLISHING A NO THRUWAY ON HOWARD STREET

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Emmaus has established through its Codified Ordinances that vehicle traffic is regulated and directed at certain locations throughout the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Howard Street was established as Howard Alley on October 21, 1912 via Ordinance No. 131, and later amended via Ordinance No. 945 to be named Howard Street; and

WHEREAS, Howard Street is a very narrow street, labeled as only 12 feet wide, however, at the southern intersection, the street narrows to less than 12 feet; and

WHEREAS, the intersection of Howard Street and Long Street is often mistakenly used by delivery vehicles as a thruway to connect to North Cherry Street, thus causing safety concerns with the adjacent structures and the adjacent properties; and

WHEREAS, Howard Street is not designed to be a thruway; and

WHEREAS, the Emmaus Police Department met with surrounding property owners of the street, with the vast majority expressing a desire to close Howard Street on at the southerly intersection; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council deems it appropriate and in the best interests of the public health, safety, and welfare of the community to regulate traffic on Howard Street; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it hereby **ORDAINED** and **ENACTED** that the Council of the Borough of Emmaus shall amend Chapter 15 §209.1 of the Emmaus Borough Code as follows:

§ 15 – 209: Turning at Certain Intersections Prohibited or Restricted

1. It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle, of the type indicated, 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 into the second-named street, as indicated, at any time when such a turn is prohibited in this section:

Vehicles Traveling on	Direction of Travel	Not to Make	Into
Long Street	East	Left Turn	Howard Street
Long Street	West	Right Turn	Howard Street

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED and ENACTED, that Howard Street shall be established as a “No Thruway Street” turning from North Street.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED and ENACTED, that the officers and employees of the Borough of Emmaus are hereby empowered and directed to erect such signs as may be necessary to notify the public of this Ordinance, and to issue citations for violations thereof, pursuant to the Codified Ordinances of the Borough and the Motor Vehicle Code.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED that existing Ordinances of the Borough or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED that if any section or provision of this Ordinance is declared by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality, or invalidity shall not affect the constitutionality, legality, or validity of this Ordinance as a whole, nor the constitutionality, legality, or validity of any other section or provision of this Ordinance other than the one so declared to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid.

DULY ADOPTED and ENACTED this 19th day of August, 2024, in lawful session duly assembled.

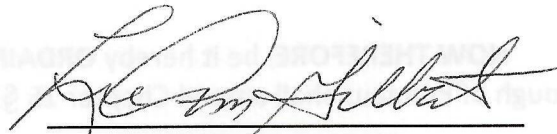


SHANE M. PEPE
Borough Manager



CHAD BALLIET
Borough Council President

AND NOW, this 19th day of August, 2024, the above **ORDINANCE** is hereby **APPROVED** by the Mayor of the Borough of Emmaus in due course.



LEE ANN GILBERT, MAYOR
Borough of Emmaus