

**OFFICIAL****BOROUGH OF FOREST HILLS  
ORDINANCE NO. 1116**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FOREST HILLS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 15, OF THE FOREST HILLS BOROUGH CODE OF ORDINANCES, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 15, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, PART 4, GENERAL PARKING REGULATIONS, TO ADD A NEW SECTION, SECTION 15-418 TO PROHIBIT PARKING IN A MANNER THAT OBSTRUCTS BOROUGH SIDEWALKS AT ALL TIMES.

**WHEREAS**, Section 1202(12) of the Borough Code, 8 P.S. § 1202(12), authorizes the Borough of Forest Hills (the "Borough") to regulate parking of vehicles within the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 61 of the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code, 75 Pa.C.S. § 6101 *et seq.* ("Vehicle Code") authorizes the Borough to exercise, by ordinance, certain powers pertaining to the operation of motor vehicles on highways within its boundaries, including the power to make certain regulations regulating or prohibiting stopping, standing or parking; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 15 of the Forest Hills Borough Code of Ordinances, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, as amended, regulates vehicles, traffic, and parking within the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Borough desires to amend Chapter 15 of the Forest Hills Borough Code of Ordinances, to add a new section, § 15-418, Parking to Obstruct Sidewalks Prohibited, to prohibit parking in a manner that obstructs Borough sidewalks at all times.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Council of the Borough of Forest Hills hereby ordains and enacts as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 15 of the Forest Hills Borough Code of Ordinances, Motor Vehicles, and Traffic, is amended by adding a new section, § 15-418, Parking to Obstruct Sidewalks Prohibited, and inserting the underlined text as follows:

**§ 15-418      Parking to Obstruct Sidewalks Prohibited**

1. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation, whether principal or agent, to park a motor vehicle in such a manner as to obstruct any sidewalk or other pedestrian right-of-way customarily used by pedestrians for passage.
2. The word "sidewalk" as used in this Section shall mean a pedestrian walkway for public use located between the curb lines, or the lateral lines of a cartway and the adjacent property lines along a street or highway in the Borough. This term shall include any sidewalk within the public right of way and/or adjoining any public street. A sidewalk shall have an improved surface of concrete, asphalt, brick, block, stone, or other similar material.
3. This Section shall not prohibit parking a vehicle on an off-street parking pad or parking area. For purposes of this Section, an "off-street parking pad or parking area" shall mean an open area, other than a public street, used for the parking of motor vehicles with an improved surface of concrete, asphalt, brick, block, stone, or other similar material.


**SECTION 2.** All prior ordinances are hereby repealed in whole or in part to the extent inconsistent herewith.


**SECTION 3.** This Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with applicable law.

**ORDAINED** and **ENACTED** this 15th day of May, 2024, by the Council of the Borough of Forest Hills in lawful session duly assembled.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF FOREST HILLS

  
Seth Abrams  
Borough Manager/Secretary  
(Seal)

By:   
Barbara Martin  
President, Borough Council

**EXAMINED** and **APPROVED** this 15th day of May, 2024.

  
Frank Porco, Jr.  
Mayor