

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-02**

**OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH CENTRE**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH CENTRE, COLUMBIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, PROVIDING THE REGULATION OF STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING VEHICLES ON HIGHWAYS, ROADS, STREETS AND ALLEYS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH CENTRE, PROVIDING THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF TO BE KNOWN AS THE "PARKING ORDINANCE OF NORTH CENTRE TOWNSHIP"**

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Supervisors of the Township of North Centre, Columbia County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the authority of the same that:

**SECTION I. PROHIBITIONS** - Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or to protect the safety of any person or vehicle, or in compliance with law or the direction of a police officer or official traffic control device, the following prohibitions shall be in effect:

- A. Stopping, Standing, or parking of a vehicle is expressly prohibited under the following circumstances:
1. On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped, or parked at the edge, or curb of the highway, road, street, or alley.
  2. On the sidewalk.
  3. Within any intersection.
  4. On any crosswalk.
  5. Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb within thirty (30) feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of the safety zone.
  6. Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction which would obstruct traffic.
  7. Upon any bridge of elevated structure.
  8. On any railroad tracks.
  9. 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.
  10. At any place where official signs prohibit same.

**B.** Standing and parking of vehicles is expressly prohibited under the following circumstances:

1. In front of a public or private driveway.
2. Within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant.
3. Within twenty (20) feet of a crosswalk at an intersection.
4. Within thirty (30) feet of any flashing signal, stop sign, yield sign or traffic control signal located at the site of a roadway.
5. 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.
6. Any place where official signs prohibit same.

**C.** Parking a vehicle is expressly prohibited under the following circumstances:

1. Within fifty (50) feet of the nearest railroad crossing.
2. Any place where official signs prohibit parking.

## **SECTION II. PARKING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY**

- A.** 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 the case of an emergency or disablement of the vehicle, in which case the operator shall arrange for the removal of the vehicle as soon as possible.
- B.** The provisions of Subsection A of Section II shall not apply to private parking lots unless such lots are posted to notify the public of any parking restrictions in which case the operator of a vehicle should not violate said posted restrictions. For the purpose of this section "private parking lots" means a parking lot open to the public and used for parking with or without charge.

### **SECTION III. PARKING REGULATIONS**

- A. Every vehicle which is standing or parked on a two-way highway 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. The vehicles shall be parked such that the right-hand wheels are within twelve (12) inches of the right-hand curb, or in the absence of a curb, as close as practicable to the right edge of the right-hand shoulder.
  
- B. Every vehicle which is standing or parked on a one-way highway shall be positioned parallel to the curb or the edge of the highway in the direction of authorized traffic movement. Said vehicle shall be parked so that its wheels are within twelve (12) inches from the curb, or in the absence of a curb, as close as practicable to the shoulder of the road.

### **SECTION IV. PARKING OF COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT**

- A. No commercial equipment, including, but not limited to, trucks, tandems (in excess of one ton capacity), tractor-trailers, tractors or other commercial construction, or cargo moving vehicles or equipment shall be parked upon any highway or street with the Township of North Centre. Furthermore, no commercial equipment as described in this section shall be parked or stored upon any highway or street in the Township of North Centre after the completion of the working day.
  
- B. **Exceptions** - the following are exceptions to the restrictions set forth in subsection A of Section VI:
  - 1. Any commercial equipment described in this section may legally park for the purpose of delivering goods or rendering services during the normal course of business provided that such vehicle does not substantially impede the flow of vehicular traffic.
  
  - 2. Vehicles being used for the purpose of road construction shall be permitted to park, stand or stop on any highway or street within the Township of North Centre when construction is in progress upon said highway or street.

**SECTION V. PENALTIES**

- A. Violations of Sections I. – III. Any person violating any provisions of Section I. – III. of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a summary offense and, upon conviction before a district magistrate within the magisterial district of which the Township of North Centre is a part, shall be fined \$45.00 plus the cost of prosecution. In default of the payment of any fine, such person shall be liable for imprisonment of not more the ten (10) days in the Columbia County prison.
  
- B. Violations of Section IV. Any person violating the provisions of Section IV. Of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a summary offense and, upon conviction before a district magistrate within the magisterial district of which the Township of North Centre is a part, shall be fined \$45.00 plus the cost of prosecution. In default of the payment of any fine, such person shall be liable for imprisonment of not more then fifteen (15) days in the Columbia County prison.
  
- C. Reduced penalty. In all cases where the police officer or parking enforcement agent of North Centre Township first gives notice to a person of any violation of this ordinance, either by personal service to the offending operator or by affixing to the vehicle in violation a ticket noting the date, time and location of the offense, nature of the offense charged and the license registration of the vehicle in violation, prosecution shall not be instituted for 72 hours thereafter. If, during the said 72-hour period, the offending operator voluntarily appears at the office of the Township police during regular business hours, voluntarily enters a plea of guilty and pays a fine of \$25.00 for violating any provision of Section IV., no prosecution for said offense shall be brought. In the alternative, said offender may forward to the office of the Township police by regular mail the appropriate fine and no prosecution for the offense shall thereafter be brought so long as the envelope is post-marked within 72 hours of the violation.

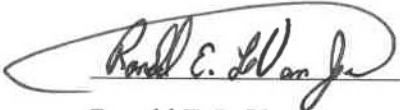
**SECTION VI. SEVERABILITY** - The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be held illegal, invalid, unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision of the court shall not affect or impair the remaining sections, sentences, clauses or phrases of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Supervisors that this Ordinance would have adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional section, sentence, clause or phrase not been included herein. Furthermore, it is the intent of this Ordinance to be supplementary to and not contrary to any laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or regulations of any of its executive agencies.

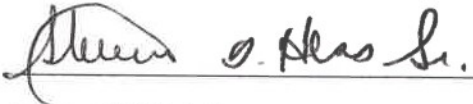
**SECTION VII. REPEALER** - All ordinance or parts of ordinance is inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION VIII. EFFECTIVE DATE** - This Ordinance shall take effect and be enforced from and after its approval as provided by law.

**ENACTED AND ORDAINED** by the Supervisors of the Township of North Centre, Columbia County, Pennsylvania this 12 of December, 2022

**SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
NORTH CENTRE**

  
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Secretary  
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