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- Local police powers - see Act 81 (1976 Vehicle Code §6109(a))
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- Prosecution under ordinance superseded by State law - see Act 81 (1976 Vehicle Code §6301)
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- Accident notice to Police Department - see Act 81 (1976 Vehicle Code §3746)
- Default in payment; costs - see ADM. 101.99(b)

515.01 DEFINITIONS.

Words and phrases, when used in this Traffic Code, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Vehicle Code of Pennsylvania, as now in force, or as hereafter amended, enacted or reenacted, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning. In this Traffic Code, the singular shall include the plural and the masculine shall include the feminine.

515.02 MANNER OF ADOPTING PERMANENT TRAFFIC AND PARKING REGULATIONS.

All traffic and parking regulations of a permanent nature shall be enacted as ordinances or as parts of ordinances or as amendments to ordinances of the City.

515.03 EXPERIMENTAL REGULATIONS.

Council may from time to time temporarily designate places upon the highways in the City where, for a period of not more than six months, specified traffic or parking regulations, prohibitions or restrictions shall be in force and shall cause such locations to be designated by proper signs and markings. Such regulations, prohibitions and restrictions shall be just as effective as if they had been specified by this Traffic Code. No person shall violate any such regulation, prohibition or restriction or remove, injure, destroy or deface any sign or marking erected under this section. The purpose of this section is to allow for the testing and experimental determination of the feasibility and desirability of permanent changes in the ordinances of the City regulating traffic and parking.

515.04 EMERGENCY REGULATIONS.

The Chief of Police subject to approval of the Mayor shall have the following powers to regulate traffic and parking temporarily and:

- (a) In the case of fire, flood, snow, storm or other emergency, to establish temporary traffic and parking regulations.
- (b) In the case of emergency or to facilitate public works or in the case of the conduct of parades and public events, to restrict or prohibit parking or traffic in limited areas for periods of not more than one week.

Such temporary and emergency regulations shall be enforced by the police in the same manner as permanent regulations. No person shall operate a vehicle in violation of any such regulation.

515.05 COMPLIANCE; ENFORCEMENT.

- (a) The police officers of the City shall enforce the provisions of this Traffic Code.

(b) No person shall fail to comply with any lawful order, signal or direction of a police officer.

Police officers shall have the power and authority to direct vehicles to proceed in a direction other than that in which the operator intended to proceed lawfully for the purpose of avoiding or relieving traffic congestions, during emergencies and to enforce temporary restrictions incident to street repairs or improvements.

(c) No person shall fail to comply with the indications of any official traffic control devices unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

## 515.06 IMPOUNDING OF VEHICLES; REDEMPTION.

(a) Police officers are authorized to provide for the removal of a vehicle under the following circumstances:

- (1) When any vehicle is left unattended upon any highway, bridge or causeway and is so illegally parked so as to constitute a hazard or obstruction to the normal movement of traffic, or so as to unreasonably interfere with street cleaning or snow removal operations.
- (2) When any vehicle other than a pedalcycle:
  - A. Is inoperable and is left unattended on public property for more than forty-eight hours;
  - B. Has remained illegally on public property for a period of more than forty-eight hours;
  - C. Is without a valid registration plate or certificate of inspection or title and is left unattended on or along a highway; or
  - D. Has remained on private property without the consent of the owner or person in control of the property for more than forty-eight hours.
- (3) When report has been made that the vehicle has been stolen or taken without the consent of its owner.
- (4) When the person or persons in charge of the vehicle are physically unable to provide for the custody or removal of the vehicle.
- (5) When the person driving or in control of the vehicle is arrested for an alleged offense for which the officer is required by law to take the person arrested before an issuing authority without unnecessary delay.
- (6) When the vehicle is in violation of Section 3353 of the State Vehicle Code (relating to prohibitions in specified places) except for overtime parking.

(b) Any vehicle removed under authority of subsection (a)(2) hereof shall be ordered into storage and/or disposed of as provided under Section 3352 and Chapter 73 of the State Vehicle Code. Any other vehicle removed under authority of this section shall be ordered into storage and the Police Department shall forthwith notify the registered vehicle owner of the fact of such removal and impounding, reasons therefor and the place of storage. Any person desiring to redeem an impounded vehicle shall appear at the Police Department to furnish satisfactory evidence of identity and ownership or right to possession. Prior to issuance of a release form, the claimant, owner or operator shall either pay the amount due for any fines for violations on account of which such vehicle was impounded or, as the court may require, post a bond in an amount set by the court, to appear to answer to such violations. The pound operator shall release such vehicle upon the receipt of the release form and payment of all towage and storage charges. If any vehicle is not claimed the vehicle shall be disposed of as provided in accordance with applicable State law provisions.

(c) No owner or operator shall remove an impounded vehicle from the place of storage without complying with the above procedure. Possession of a vehicle which has been impounded and unlawfully taken from the place of storage, by the owner or operator, shall constitute prima-facie evidence that it was so removed by the owner or operator.

515.99 PENALTY.

Whoever violates any provision of this Part Five - Traffic Code for which no other penalty is provided, shall be fined twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).



The Traffic Control File shall include the following information:

- (a) Type of traffic control designation;
- (b) Complete description of the street or area affected;
- (c) Number of ordinance authorizing designation;
- (d) Effective date of such ordinance;
- (e) Date proper signs and markings were erected; and
- (f) Date recorded upon Traffic Control Map.

#### 521.03 AMENDMENTS.

Amendments to the Traffic Control Map and the Traffic Control File shall be made by ordinance of Council as provided in Section 515.02. Upon the effective date of such legislation and upon the erection of proper signs and markings giving notice thereof, amendments shall be in full force and effect. All such amendments shall be recorded on the official Traffic Control Map and the official Traffic Control File.

ARTICLE 527  
Operation of Vehicles

<p>527.01 One-way street violation. 527.02 Stop intersection violation. 527.03 Speed limit violation. 527.04 Turn violation. 527.05 U-turns prohibited.</p>	<p>527.06 Use of local highways by commercial vehicles. 527.99 Penalty.</p>
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CROSS REFERENCES

Local police powers - see Act 81 (1976 Vehicle Code §6109(a))

One-way roadways - see Act 81 (1976 Vehicle Code §3308)

Stop signs and yield signs - see Act 81 (1976 Vehicle Code §3323)

Speed restrictions - see Act 81 (1976 Vehicle Code §3361 et seq.)

Turning, starting and signals - see Act 81 (1976 Vehicle Code §3331 et seq.)

527.01 ONE-WAY STREET VIOLATION.

No person shall operate a vehicle on any highway designated lawfully for one-way traffic other than in the direction established thereon for vehicular traffic, as indicated by authorized traffic control devices.

527.02 STOP INTERSECTION VIOLATION.

No person operating a vehicle approaching a stop intersection at which a lawfully authorized stop sign has been erected shall fail to come to a full stop at a clearly marked stop line or, if none, before entering a crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if none, then at the point nearest the intersecting roadway where the driver has a view of approaching traffic on the intersecting roadway before entering.

527.03 SPEED LIMIT VIOLATION.

No person shall operate a vehicle in any area where lawfully authorized traffic control devices limit the maximum speed, at a rate of speed greater than the maximum speed indicated on such traffic control devices.

527.04 TURN VIOLATION.

No person operating a vehicle in any highway area where lawfully authorized traffic control devices prohibit or restrict turns, shall make any turning movement in violation of such traffic control devices.

#### 527.05 U-TURNS PROHIBITED.

No person operating a vehicle shall make a U-turn upon any highway or at any intersection in the City.

#### 527.06 USE OF LOCAL HIGHWAYS BY COMMERCIAL VEHICLES.

(a) Use of Local Highways. No person shall operate a vehicle exceeding a gross weight of five tons, upon any highway in the City other than a State route, except those local highways designated as truck routes and marked as such by appropriate traffic signs, and except when such operation is necessary to load or unload property, to go to or from the usual place of storage of such vehicle or to perform any other legitimate business or act other than passage through the City. Operators of vehicles so deviating from either a State route or a designated truck route within the City shall confine such deviation to that required in order to accomplish the purpose of the departure.

(b) Local Permit and Conditions. Upon application and for good cause, the Police Chief may issue a local permit authorizing an applicant to move an oversize or overweight vehicle or combination of vehicles upon local highways.

The Police Chief may grant a permit for a single or round trip, or for such period of time, not to exceed one year, as the Police Chief in his discretion deems advisable, or for the duration of any construction project. The Police Chief may limit or prescribe terms or conditions of operation for such vehicle or combination of vehicles by designating the route, hours, speed or such other restrictions as may be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, property, health and safety. The Police Chief may require the posting of bond or other security necessary to compensate for any damage to a roadway or road structure.

For each such permit, the Police Chief shall charge five dollars (\$5.00), and for each hour of time or any part thereof spent by each police officer in supervising the movement of such vehicle, the applicant shall pay the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00).

Signs shall be posted indicating "no thru trucks - gross weight 5 tons" or words of similar import to apprise drivers of the limitations imposed by this section. No driver shall disobey the instructions indicated on any such sign.

Violation of any of the limitations, terms or conditions of the permit granted by the Police Chief shall be cause for immediate revocation or suspension of such permit, and denial of request for any future permit. Such violation shall also subject the violator to the penalty prescribed by Section 527.99.

#### 527.99 PENALTY.

(a) Whoever violates any provision of this article for which no other penalty is provided shall be fined twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

(b) Whoever violates Section 527.03 shall be fined thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) and if convicted of exceeding the maximum speed limit by more than five miles per hour, shall be fined an additional two dollars (\$2.00) per mile for each mile in excess of five miles per hour over the maximum speed limit.

(c) Whoever violates Section 527.06 shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

ARTICLE 533  
Parking Generally

533.01	Limited and prohibited parking.	533.04	Commercial vehicles in public parking areas.
533.02	Inoperable vehicles.	533.05	Street sweeping zones.
533.03	Commercial vehicles in residential districts.	533.99	Penalty.

CROSS REFERENCES

Prohibited stopping, standing and parking places - see Act 81 (1976 Vehicle Code §3353)  
 Parallel and angle parking - see Act 81 (1976 Vehicle Code §3354)  
 Unattended vehicle - see Act 81 (1976 Vehicle Code §3701)  
 Abandonment - see Act 81 (1976 Vehicle Code §3712)  
 Power to regulate - see Act 81 (1976 Vehicle Code §6109(a)(1))  
 Impounding - see TRAF. 515.06

533.01 LIMITED AND PROHIBITED PARKING.

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 directions of a police officer or official traffic control device, and when signs are erected lawfully giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle:

- (a) At any time upon any highway or portion thereof or other public property designated as a prohibited parking area.
- (b) Longer than the time permitted nor during specified hours when parking is prohibited upon any highway or portion thereof or other public property designated as a limited parking area.

533.02 INOPERABLE VEHICLES.

No person shall park any motor vehicle upon any street, avenue, alley, road or other public way within the City that is without current registration plates, serviceable storage battery, current inspection sticker or incapable of being operated legally and immediately in the event of a local or national emergency.

(Ord. 61-8. Passed 7-11-61.)

533.03 COMMERCIAL VEHICLES IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS.

(a) No person, firm or corporation shall park or cause to be parked any truck, tractor, trailer, boat trailer, house trailer, tow truck or other commercial motor vehicle, upon any street or alley in any district that has been defined by the City Zoning Ordinance as a residential district.

(b) Trucks with a maximum gross weight of less than 7,000 pounds are exempted from the provisions of this section.  
(Ord. 70-7. Passed 4-15-70.)

533.04 COMMERCIAL VEHICLES IN PUBLIC PARKING AREAS.

No person shall park at any time any motor vehicle, tractor, trailer or trailer body in any parking area in the City which is owned, leased, maintained or operated by the City for the accommodation and convenience of the public. (Ord. 233. Passed 4-13-50.)

Trucks with a maximum gross weight of less than 7,000 pounds are exempted from the provisions of this section.

533.05 STREET SWEEPING ZONES.

(a) There are hereby established upon certain streets "street sweeping zones" where parking shall be prohibited at particular times.

(b) The Chief of Police is hereby authorized to designate temporary street sweeping zones provided that the same be prominently posted twenty-four hours prior to the prohibition of parking on the same.

(c) All streets so designated as street sweeping zones shall be posted with signs, either temporary or permanent, indicating the days and hours during which times parking shall be prohibited. (Ord. 73-1. Passed 2-21-73.)

(d) No person shall park a vehicle in a street sweeping zone when parking is prohibited.

533.99 PENALTY.

(a) Whoever violates any provision of this article for which no other penalty is provided shall be fined not more than ten dollars (\$10.00).

(b) Whoever violates Section 533.02 shall be fined not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). (Ord. 61-8. Passed 7-11-61.)

(c) Whoever violates Section 533.03 shall be fined not less than one dollar (\$1.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00). Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense. (Ord. 70-7. Passed 4-15-70.)

(d) Whoever violates any provision of Section 533.04 shall be fined not more than five dollars (\$5.00). (Ord. 233. Passed 4-13-50.)

(e) Whoever violates Section 533.05 shall be fined not more than one dollar (\$1.00) (Ord. 73-1. Passed 2-21-73.)

ARTICLE 539  
Parking Meters

539.01	Hours of use; cost.	539.06	Tampering.
539.02	Parking within marking.	539.07	Applicability.
539.03	Coin deposit; overtime prohibited.	539.99	Penalty.
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CROSS REFERENCES

Tampering - see 18 P.S. §3304  
Inoperable vehicles - see TRAF. 533.02  
Trucks in public parking areas - see TRAF. 533.04

539.01 HOURS OF USE; COST.

On the streets designated as parking meter zones the Department of Public Affairs shall cause parking spaces, approximately twenty feet in length, to be marked by lines on the curb or pavement or by other appropriate means, and at the side of each marked space shall erect a parking meter or device which will indicate the duration of the legal parking period, the time when such period has expired, the maximum duration of the legal parking period, the rate or charge for the parking period and the hours and days during which such times and rates shall be in effect. The Department of Public Affairs shall set the times and rates on the meters, subject to the following limitations:

- (a) The meters shall only operate from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, excluding legal holidays.
- (b) The meters shall have a maximum parking period of two hours.  
(Ord. 72-5. Passed 4-26-72.)
- (c) The rate or charge on the meters shall not be more than twenty cents (20¢) per hour, with the exception of any special meters which may be established on Clay Avenue on each end of each block or on South Second Street in front of City Hall for which the maximum rate or charge shall be ten cents (10¢) for each fifteen minutes. (Ord. 77-3. Passed 2-24-77.)

**539.02 PARKING WITHIN MARKING.**

No person shall park any motor vehicle across any line or marking which designates a parking space or park such vehicle in any way that the vehicle is not wholly within a parking space as designated by the lines or markings.

(Ord. 72-5. Passed 4-26-72.)

**539.03 COIN DEPOSIT; OVERTIME PROHIBITED.**

No owner or operator of any motor vehicle shall enter any metered parking space without depositing a coin or coins of the United States of America in the amount as specified on each parking meter.

No such owner, owners or operator shall permit such vehicle to remain in the parking space for a longer period than as indicated on the parking meter as the maximum legal parking limit, irrespective of the number of coins deposited in the parking meter.

(Ord. 72-5. Passed 4-26-72.)

**539.04 USE OF MONEYS COLLECTED.**

The coins required by this article to be deposited in parking meters are hereby levied and assessed as fees to provide for the proper regulation and control of traffic upon the streets of the City and the proper supervision and regulation of parking on the streets of the City. (Ord. 72-5. Passed 4-26-72.)

**539.05 SLUG USE.**

No person shall deposit or cause to be deposited in any parking meter a slug device or metallic substitute for a coin for the United States of America.

(Ord. 72-5. Passed 4-26-72.)

**539.06 TAMPERING.**

No person shall deface, tamper with, damage, open, willfully break, destroy or impair the usefulness of any parking meter installed under the terms of this article.

(Ord. 72-5. Passed 4-26-72.)

**539.07 APPLICABILITY.**

Nothing contained in this article or in any amendment hereto shall be construed to permit the parking of vehicles in spaces designated as parking meter zones which are prohibited from so parking by other ordinances of the City.

(Ord. 72-5. Passed 4-26-72.)

**539.99 PENALTY.**

(a) Any person, firm or corporation violating any provision of this article, for which no other penalty is provided shall be fined not less than one dollar (\$1.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00).

If the fine is paid the same day an overtime parking violation occurs the fine will be fifty cents (50¢) and if paid within twenty-one days after the violation occurs the fine will be two dollars (\$2.00). (Ord. 72-5. Passed 4-26-72.)

(b) Whoever violates Section 539.05 or 539.06 or aids or abets or assists in such violation shall be fined not more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00).

ARTICLE 545  
Bicycles

545.01	Licensing; fee.	545.04	Reckless operation; control, course and speed.
545.02	Tampering.	545.99	Penalty.
545.03	Traffic regulations.		

CROSS REFERENCES

Pedacycles - see Act 81(1976 Vehicle Code §3501 et seq.)

Power to regulate - see Act 81 (1976 Vehicle Code §6109(a)(8))

545.01 LICENSING; FEE.

(a) No person shall operate or use a bicycle upon any of the streets, alleys or public highways of the City without first obtaining a license from the Police Department.

(b) Application for a bicycle license plate shall be made upon a form provided by the City and shall be made to the Police Department. An annual license fee of twenty-five (25¢) for each calendar year or part thereof shall be paid to the City before each license or renewal thereof is granted.

(c) The City shall each year provide license plates together with license certificates; the license plates and license certificates having numbers stamped thereon in numerical order and indicating the year for which the same are issued. The Chief of Police, upon receiving proper application therefor, is authorized and directed to issue a license plate and license certificate which shall be effective during the remainder of the calendar year in which issued and shall expire December 31 of each year.

(d) The Chief of Police shall not issue a license for any bicycle when he knows or has reasonable grounds to believe that the applicant is not the owner of or entitled to the possession of such bicycle.

(e) The Police Clerk shall keep a record of each license, the date issued, the name of the person to whom issued and the number on the frame of bicycle for which issued and a record of all bicycle fees collected by him.

(f) The license plate as issued shall be firmly attached to the frame of the bicycle so as to be plainly visible and such license plate shall remain attached to the bicycle during the existence of such license.

(g) Upon the expiration of any bicycle license or upon the loss thereof the same may be renewed upon application and payment of the required fee.

(h) The Chief of Police shall inspect each bicycle before licensing the same and shall refuse a license for any bicycle which he determines is in an unsafe mechanical condition.

(i) Upon the sale or other transfer of a licensed bicycle the licensee shall remove the license plate and shall either surrender the same to the Police Department or may upon proper application, but without payment of additional fee, have the plate assigned to another bicycle owned by the applicant.

(j) A rental agency shall not rent or offer any bicycle for rent unless the bicycle is licensed and a license plate is attached thereto as provided herein and such bicycle is equipped with the equipment required by law.

(k) Every person engaged in the business of buying or selling new or second hand bicycles shall make a report to the Chief of Police of every bicycle purchased or sold by such dealer, giving the name and address of the person from whom purchased or to whom sold, a description of such bicycle by name or make, the frame number and the number of the license plate, if any, found thereon. (Ord. 230. Passed 3-3-50.)

#### 545.02 TAMPERING.

No person shall remove, destroy, mutilate or alter the number of any bicycle frame of any bicycle licensed pursuant to Section 545.01. No person shall move, destroy, mutilate or alter any license plate or license certificate during the time in which such license plate or license certificate is operative. However, nothing in this section shall prohibit the Police Department from stamping numbers on the frames of bicycles on which no serial number can be found or on which the number is illegible or insufficient for identification purposes. (Ord. 230. Passed 3-3-50.)

#### 545.03 TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall be subject to the provisions of the traffic ordinances of the City applicable to the driver of a vehicle except as to special regulations in this article and except as to those provisions of ordinances which by their nature can have no application. (Ord. 230. Passed 3-3-50.)

#### 545.04 RECKLESS OPERATION; CONTROL, COURSE AND SPEED.

No person shall operate a bicycle:

- (a) Without due regard for the safety and rights of pedestrians and drivers and occupants of all other vehicles, and so as to endanger the life, limb or property of any person while in the lawful use of the streets or sidewalks or any other public or private property;

- (b) Without exercising reasonable and ordinary control over such bicycle;
- (c) In a weaving or zigzag course unless such irregular course is necessary for safe operation in compliance with law;
- (d) Without both hands upon the handle grips except when necessary to give the required hand and arm signals, and except when carrying any package, bundle or article, provided however that the operator shall keep at least one hand upon the handle bars at all times;
- (e) At a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions then existing.

545.99 PENALTY.

(a) Whoever violates any provision of this article for which no other penalty is provided shall be fined not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) or have the bicycle license suspended for a period of time to be determined by the Chief of Police. The license plate shall be removed from the bicycle and its operation without the license plate shall constitute illegal operation. The license suspension shall be made only after proper investigation and determination of all the facts pertaining to the alleged violation.

(b) Whoever violates Section 545.02 shall be fined not more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00).