

ARTICLE XIII  
**Stopping, Standing and Parking**

**§ 615-45. Parking in prohibited areas.**

When signs are erected lawfully giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle at any time upon any of the streets or parts of streets designated as prohibited parking areas by the Traffic Control Maps, or by temporary regulations in conformity with Article III.

**§ 615-46. Parking limited in designated areas. [Amended 4-6-2009 by Ord. No. 14701]**

When signs are erected lawfully giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle longer than the time permitted upon any street or parts of streets designated as limited parking areas by the Traffic Control Maps, or by temporary regulations in conformity with Article III.

**§ 615-47. Parking prohibited in specific areas.**

No person shall park a vehicle or tractor or permit it to stand, whether attended or unattended, upon a highway or in any of the following places:

- A. Within an intersection.
- B. On a crosswalk.
- C. Between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within 30 feet of points on the curb immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless local officials shall indicate a different length by signs or markings.
- D. Within 25 feet from the intersection of curblines or, if none, then within 15 feet of the intersection of property lines at an intersection of highways.
- E. Within 30 feet upon the approach to any official flashing signal, stop sign or traffic signal located at the side of the roadway.
- F. Within 15 feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station.
- G. Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant.
- H. On a sidewalk.
- I. In front of a private driveway or alongside any street or highway excavation or obstruction, or opposite the same, unless a clear and unobstructed width of not less than 20 feet upon the main traveled portion of the street or highway shall be left free for passage of other vehicles thereon.
- J. In the lane ordinarily used by moving traffic or on the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the curb or edge of the highway. **[Amended 3-23-1965 by Ord. No. 10657]**

- K. At any place where official signs have been erected prohibiting standing and parking.
- L. Within 50 feet of the nearest rail or railway crossing.
- M. Except when necessary in obedience to traffic regulations or traffic signs or signals or where angle parking is permitted, the operator of a vehicle shall not stop, stand or park such vehicle on the highway within a business or residence district other than parallel with the edge of the highway, headed in the direction of authorized traffic movement and with the right-hand wheels on a two-way highway or the curbside wheels on a one-way highway within six inches of the edge of the highway or curb. Vehicles which, because of the type or construction, cannot load or unload parallel to the curb shall be exempt, while loading or unloading only, from the requirements of standing parallel to the curb. **[Amended 4-6-2009 by Ord. No. 14702]**
- N. At any place where official signs have been erected prohibiting parking pursuant to any declared emergency under the provisions of this article. **[Amended 2-28-1967 by Ord. No. 11120]**

**§ 615-48. Blocking garage entrance. [Amended 3-25-1996 by Ord. No. 13387; 2-21-2003 by Ord. No. 14061]**

No person shall park a vehicle at any time in front of, opposite to, or in such a position as to block entrance to or exit by a vehicle from a garage or driveway. The only exception to this is on streets with widths of 20 feet or more where said vehicle is able to park on an apron to a garage and it is able to be more than 50% off the roadway, and it is not parked on a sidewalk.

**§ 615-49. Greasing or repair work. [Amended 3-25-1996 by Ord. No. 13389]**

No vehicle shall stand on any street or sidewalk for the purpose of greasing or repair work except in case of emergency repairs.

**§ 615-50. Displaying or advertising vehicles for sale.**

No vehicle shall be displayed or advertised for sale while parked upon any street.

**§ 615-51. Parking truck and trailers.**

No truck trailer or trailer shall be parked upon any street without having attached thereto a means of mechanical traction constructed or designed for the purpose of pulling or drawing such trailer.

**§ 615-52. Storage of vehicles on streets.**

No vehicle shall be stored upon any street. As used herein, "stored" shall mean the parking of a vehicle in one place upon any street continuously for over 72 hours.

**§ 615-53. Parking of inoperable or illegally registered vehicles.**

- A. No person shall park or leave on the streets, highway or public property of the City any mechanically inoperable vehicles or vehicles without current registration plates. [Amended 9-26-1961 by Ord. No. 9610]
- B. No person shall park or leave on the streets, highways or public property of the City any vehicle without a current inspection sticker unless the vehicle is legally parked in front of, or in close proximity to, an official Pennsylvania State Inspection Station which identifies said vehicle by work order specifying a state inspection will be performed within 24 hours. Additional work orders beyond the initial twenty-four-hour period are prohibited. [Amended 3-6-1991 by Ord. No. 13035]

**§ 615-54. Parking prohibited on private property. [Amended 3-6-1991 by Ord. No. 13036]**

- 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 emergency or disablement of the vehicle, in which case the operator, within 24 hours, must show proof of the emergency and disablement and remove the vehicle from the private property.
- B. The provisions of this section shall not apply to private parking lots unless such lots are posted to notify the public of any parking restrictions, and the operator of the vehicle violates such posted restrictions. For the purpose of this section, "private parking lot" means a parking lot open to the public or used for parking without charge; or a parking lot used for parking with a charge. The City hereby adopts the regulations promulgated by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation which defines posting for public notice pursuant to 75 Pa.C.S.A. § 3353(b)2 and any amended or successor statute(s).

**§ 615-55. Parking prohibited at handicapped areas. [Amended 4-21-1993 by Ord. No. 13194]**

- A. No person shall park or leave unattended a vehicle at any place specifically reserved for handicapped parking, unless the parked vehicle has a state issued plate or placard (displayed in a conspicuous manner) for a handicapped person or severely disabled veteran, and is being used in the immediate service of a handicapped person or severely disabled veteran.
- B. For the purpose of this section, a reserved handicapped parking place must be indicated by a PennDOT-approved sign with universally accepted handicapped symbols. Each sign must indicate that a state issued placard or plate must be displayed at all times while parking in the space.

**§ 615-56. Parking, stopping, standing or drifting prohibited in loading zone or five-minute zone. [Amended 3-25-1996 by Ord. No. 13389]**

No person shall allow a vehicle to be parked, stopped, standing or drifted to conceal

an officer's chalk mark without loading activity for more than 20 minutes in a marked loading zone or more than five minutes in a five-minute zone.

**§ 615-57. Washing vehicles on streets and sidewalks. [Amended 3-25-1996 by Ord. No. 13389]**

No vehicle shall stand on any street or sidewalk for the purpose of washing.

**§ 615-58. Notice of violation; violations and penalties for stopping, standing and parking provisions. [Amended 6-5-1985 by Ord. No. 12659]**

Any police officer or duly authorized Parking Authority employee shall issue a violation notice to any vehicle parked in violation of the provisions of the following sections, including a notice for the owner or operator to report to such place as may be designated by the Parking Authority in regard to the violation.

- A. For violation of § 615-46, Parking limited in designated areas, the owner or operator, within 10 days of the time when such violation was alleged, pay as a penalty and in full satisfaction of each violation the sum of \$15 and, after 10 days but within 20 days of the violation, the sum of \$25. **[Amended 8-8-1991 by Ord. No. 13069; 12-1-1993 by Ord. No. 13227; 3-25-1996 by Ord. No. 13389; 4-9-2001 by Ord. No. 13901]**
- B. For violation of § 615-54, Parking prohibited on private property, the owner or operator, within 10 days of the time when such violation was alleged, pay as a penalty and in full satisfaction of each violation the sum of \$35 and, after 10 days but within 20 days of the violation, the sum of \$50. **[Amended 3-25-1996 by Ord. No. 13069; 4-9-2001 by Ord. No. 13901; 10-4-2002 by Ord. No. 14025; 2-21-2003 by Ord. No. 14059; at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I)]**
- C. Violation of § 615-47J, Parking prohibited (double parking). **[Amended 2-21-2003 by Ord. No. 14059; 6-8-2007 by Ord. No. 14490; 3-3-2010 by Ord. No. 14787; 8-15-2012 by Ord. No. 15009]**
  - (1) For violation of § 615-47J, Parking prohibited in a lane ordinarily used by moving traffic or on the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the curb or edge of the highway, the owner or operator, within 10 days of the time when such notice was issued, pay as a penalty and in full satisfaction of each violation the sum of \$100 and, if after 10 days but within 20 days of the violation, the sum of \$150. On the second violation offense, the owner or operator, within 10 days of the time when such notice was issued, pay as a penalty and in full satisfaction of each violation the sum of \$200, and if after 10 days but within 20 days of the violation, the sum of \$250. On the third and subsequent violation offense, the owner or operator, within 10 days of the time when such notice was issued, pay as a penalty and in full satisfaction of each violation the sum of \$300 and, if after 10 days but within 20 days of the violation, the sum of \$350.

- (2) Lazy parker provision. If the violator of § 615-47J is adjacent to an open space within 10 feet of an available parking space, an additional \$100 shall be added to the penalty.
- D. For violation of § 615-49, Greasing or repair work, the owner or operator, within 10 days of the time when such violation was alleged, pay as a penalty \$50 and, after 10 days but within 20 days of violation, the sum of \$100. **[Amended 3-25-1996 by Ord. No. 13389]**
- E. For violation of § 615-55, Parking prohibited at handicapped areas, the owner or operator, within 10 days of the time when such violation was alleged, pay as a penalty in full satisfaction of each violation the sum of \$50 and, after 10 days but within 20 days of violation, the sum of \$100. **[Amended 4-21-1993 by Ord. No. 13194; 3-25-1996 by Ord. No. 13389; 4-19-2001 by Ord. No. 13902]**
- F. For violation of any other provision of this article, the owner or operator may, within 10 days of the time when such violation was alleged, pay as a penalty the sum of \$15, and after 10 days but within 20 days of the violation, the sum of \$25. **[Amended 8-8-1991 by Ord. No. 13069; 12-1-1993 by Ord. No. 13194; 4-19-2001 by Ord. No. 13901]**
- G. For violation of § 615-56, Parking, stopping, standing or drifting prohibited in a loading zone or five-minute zone, the vehicle is subject to immediate towing and/or a notice placed on the vehicle. The owner or operator, within 10 days of the time when such violation was alleged, will pay as a penalty the sum of \$15 and, after 10 days but within 21 days of the violation, the sum of \$25. **[Amended 5-15-1991 by Ord. No. 13069; 4-21-1994 by Ord. No. 13194; 3-25-1996 by Ord. No. 13389; 4-19-2001 by Ord. No. 13901]**
- H. In all cases, failure of the owner or operator to make payment after 20 days shall make the owner or operator subject to a penalty not to exceed \$100, and in default of payment of fine and costs, imprisonment for not more than 10 days. **[Amended 5-15-1991 by Ord. No. 13069; 4-21-1993 by Ord. No. 13194; 3-25-1996 by Ord. No. 13389; 4-19-2001 by Ord. No. 13901]**
- I. For violation of § 615-52, Storage of vehicles on streets, the owner or operator may, within 10 days of the time when such violation was alleged, pay as a penalty the sum of \$35 and , after 10 days but within 20 days of the violation, the sum of \$50. Any vehicle parked in violation of the provisions of this section may be removed by any member of the Police Bureau, their designee, or a designated Allentown Parking Authority personnel. Any vehicle removed may be towed to and placed at any area designated by the Mayor or his duly designated representative or the Parking Authority for impounding of vehicles. All fines and costs for removal, towing, storage or parking of any vehicle removed under the provisions of this section shall be paid by the owner of the vehicle and the vehicle shall remain impounded until all costs are paid. **[Amended 4-19-2001 by Ord. No. 13901]**
- J. For violation of § 615-53, Parking of inoperable or illegally registered vehicles, and § 615-57, Washing vehicles on streets and sidewalks, the owner or operator shall,

within 10 days of the time when such violation was alleged, pay as a penalty and in full satisfaction of each violation the sum of \$25 and, after 10 days but within 20 days of the violation, the sum of \$35. **[Amended 4-19-2001 by Ord. No. 13901; at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I)]**

- K. For violation of § 615-47G, Parking prohibited within 15 feet of a fire hydrant, the vehicle is subject to immediate towing. The owner or operator within 10 days of violation shall pay a penalty of \$50 and, after 10 days but within 20 days of the violation, pay the sum of \$100. In addition, the owner will be responsible for all towing and storage fees, and costs of the vehicle, and all must be paid prior to its release. **[Amended 10-4-2002 by Ord. No. 14025]**
- L. Any vehicle that has been cited two times within a one-year period shall be towed upon the third citation for violating § 615-55, Parking prohibited at handicapped areas, and § 615-56, Parking, stopping, standing or drifting prohibited in a loading zone or five-minute zone. The owner of said vehicle will be responsible for all towing and storage fees and the costs of the vehicle, and all must be paid, including all fines, prior to its release. **[Amended 8-2-2007 by Ord. No. 14514]**
- M. For violation of § 615-51, Parking truck and trailers, the owner or operator, within 10 days of the time when such violation was alleged, pay as a penalty and in full satisfaction of each violation the sum of \$35 and, after then 10 days but within 20 days of the violation, the sum of \$50. **[Amended 4-19-2001 by Ord. No. 13901; 3-3-2010 by Ord. No. 14787; 5-7-2014 by Ord. No. 15131]**
- N. Tampering with boots and other devices prohibited Any person who shall tamper with, remove or attempt to remove any device used to immobilize a motor vehicle pursuant to this article, or who shall move or attempt to move the vehicle immobilized before official release of the vehicle has been secured, shall be, upon conviction thereof, sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000, plus costs of repairing or replacing said device, together with the cost of prosecution, and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term as determined by the court. **[Added 10-20-2021 by Ord. No. 15754]**