

ORDINANCE NO.

CITY COUNCIL

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October 6, 2021

Amending Article 531, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 531.99 Notice of Violation; Waiver (H) by deleting a provision that states that in default of payment of fine and costs, someone could be imprisoned not more than ten days.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That the Section 531.99 Notice of Violation; Waiver by deleting a provision that

**ARTICLE 531
STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING**

- 531.01 Parking in Prohibited Areas
- 531.02 Parking Limited in Designated Areas
- 531.03 Parking Prohibited in Specific Areas
- 531.04 Blocking Garage Entrance
- 531.05 Greasing or Repair Work
- 531.06 Displaying or Advertising Vehicles for Sale
- 531.07 Parking Truck and Trailers
- 531.08 Storage of Vehicles on Streets
- 531.09 Parking of Inoperable or Illegally Registered Vehicles
- 531.10 Parking Prohibited on Private Property
- 531.11 Parking Prohibited at Handicapped Areas
- 531.12 Parking, Stopping, Standing or Drifting Prohibited in a Loading Zone or Five Minute Zone
- 531.13 Washing Vehicles
- 531.99 Notice of Violation; Waiver
(13389 §1 3/25/96)

CROSS REFERENCES

Prohibited Parking Areas – See Vehicle Code §3353 *et seq*

[ED Note: 13389 (3/25/96) increased the fine for greasing and repairing vehicles from \$15 to \$50, and created a section on parking in a Loading Zone. 13387 (3/25/96) allows an owner/occupant to park in front of their garage.]

531.01 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 505. (9898 §10 9/18/62)

531.02 PARKING LIMITED IN DESIGNATED AREAS

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 505. (9898 §10 9/18/62; 14701 §1 4/6/09)

531.03 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 thirty (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 twenty-five (25') feet from the intersection of curb lines or, if none, then within fifteen (15') feet of the intersection of property lines at an intersection of highways.
- E. Within thirty (30') feet upon the approach to any official flashing signal, stop sign or traffic signal located at the side of the roadway.
- F. Within fifteen (15') feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station.
- G. Within fifteen (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 twenty (20') feet upon the main traveled portion of the street or highway shall be left free for passage of other vehicles thereon. (9898 §10 9/18/62)
- 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. (10657 §2 3/23/65)
- K. At any place where official signs have been erected prohibiting standing and parking.
- L. Within fifty (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 (2) way highway or the curb side wheels on a one way highway within six (6") 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. (9898 §10 9/18/62; 14702 §1 4/6/09)
- N. At any place where official signs have been erected prohibiting parking pursuant to any declared emergency under the provisions of this article. (11120 §1 2/28/67)

531.04 BLOCKING GARAGE ENTRANCE

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 twenty (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 fifty (50%) percent off the roadway, and it is not parked on a sidewalk. (9898 §10 9/18/62; 13387 §1 3/25/96; 14061 §1 2/21/03)

531.05 GREASING OR REPAIR WORK

No vehicle shall stand on any street or sidewalk for the purpose of greasing or repair work except in case of emergency repairs. (9898 §10 9/18/62; 13389 §1 3/25/96)

531.06 DISPLAYING OR ADVERTISING VEHICLES FOR SALE

No vehicle shall be displayed or advertised for sale while parked upon any street. (9898 §10 9/18/62)

531.07 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. (9898 §10 9/18/62)

531.08 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 seventy-two (72) hours. (9898 §10 9/18/62)

531.09 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. (9610 §9 9/26/61)

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 twenty-four (24) hours. Additional work orders beyond the initial twenty-four (24) hour period are prohibited. (13035 §1 3/6/91)

531.10 PARKING PROHIBITED 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 emergency or disablement of the vehicle, in which case the operator, within twenty-four hours, must show proof of the emergency and disablement and remove the vehicle from the private property. (13036 §1 3/6/91)

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 Consolidated Statutes Annotated §3353 (b)2 and any amended or successor statute(s). (13036 §1 3/6/91)

531.11 PARKING PROHIBITED AT HANDICAPPED AREAS

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.

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. (13194 §1 4/21/93)

531.12 PARKING, STOPPING, STANDING OR DRAFTING PROHIBITED IN A LOADING ZONE OR FIVE MINUTE ZONE

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 twenty (20) minutes in a marked Loading Zone or more than five (5) minutes in a Five Minute Zone. (13389 §1 3/25/96)

531.13 WASHING VEHICLES ON STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

No vehicle shall stand on any street or sidewalk for the purpose of washing. (13389 §1 3/25/96)

531.99 NOTICE OF VIOLATION; WAIVER

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. (12659 §1 6/5/85)

A. For violation of Sections 531.02, Parking Limited in Designated Areas, the owner or operator within ten (10) days of the time when such violation was alleged, pay as a penalty and in full satisfaction of each violation, the sum of Fifteen (\$15) Dollars, and after ten (10) days, but within Twenty (20) days of the violation, the sum of Twenty-five (\$25) Dollars. (12659 §1 6/5/85; 13069 §1 8/8/91; 13227 §1 12/1/93; 13389 §1 3/25/96; 13901 §2 4/19/01)

B. For violation of Article 531.03, 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, and 531.10, Parking Prohibited on Private Property, the owner or operator within ten (10) days of the time when such violation was alleged, pay as a penalty and in full satisfaction of each violation, the sum of Thirty-five (\$35) Dollars, and after ten (10) days, but within twenty (20) days of the violation, the sum of Fifty (\$50) Dollars. (12659 §1 6/5/85; 13069 §1 3/25/96; 13901 §1 4/19/01; 14025 §1 10/4/02; 14059 §1 2/21/03)

C. Violation of Section 531.03 J, Parking Prohibited (Double Parking) (15009 §1 8/15/12)

1. For violation of Section 531.03 (J), 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 ten (10) days of the time when such notice was issued, pay as a penalty and in full satisfaction of each violation, the sum of One Hundred (\$100) dollars, after ten (10) days, but within twenty (20) days of the violation, the sum of One Hundred Fifty (\$150) Dollars. On the second violation offense, the owner or operator, within ten (10) days of the time when such notice was issued, pay as a penalty and in full satisfaction of each violation, the sum of Two Hundred (\$200) dollars, after ten (10) days, but within twenty (20) days of the violation, the sum of Two Hundred Fifty (\$250) Dollars. On the third and subsequent violation offense, the owner or operator, within ten (10) days of the time when such notice was issued, pay as a penalty and in full satisfaction of each violation, the sum of Three Hundred (\$300) dollars, after ten (10) days, but within twenty (20) days of the violation, the sum of Three Hundred Fifty (\$350) Dollars. (15009 §1 8/15/12)

2. Lazy Parker Provision: If the violator of Section 531 J, is adjacent to an open space within ten feet of an available parking space, an additional \$100 shall be added to the penalty (14059 §1 2/21/03; 14490 §1 6/8/07; 14787 § 03/03/10' 15009 § 1 8/15/12)

D. For violation of Section 531.05, Greasing or Repair Work, the owner or operator, within ten (10) days of the time when such violation was alleged, pay as a penalty, Fifty (\$50) Dollars and after ten (10) days, but within twenty (20) days of violation, the sum of One Hundred (\$100) Dollars. (13389 §1 3/25/96)

E. For violation of Section 531.11, Parking Prohibited at Handicapped Areas, the owner or operator, within ten (10) days of the time when such violation was alleged, pay as a penalty in full satisfaction of each violation, the sum of Fifty (\$50) Dollars and after ten (10) days, but within twenty (20) days of violation, the sum of One Hundred (\$100) Dollars. (13194 §1 4/21/93; 13389 §1 3/25/96; 13902 §3 4/19/01)

F. For violation of any other provision of this article, the owner or operator may, within ten (10) days of the time when such violation was alleged, pay as a penalty the sum of Fifteen (\$15) Dollars after ten (10) days but within twenty (20) days of the violation, the sum of Twenty-five (\$25) Dollars. (13069 §1 8/8/91; 13194 §2 12/1/93; 13901 §2 4/19/01)

G. For violation of Section 531.12, 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 ten (10) days of the time when such violation was alleged, will pay as a penalty, the sum of Fifteen (\$15) Dollars and after ten (10) days, but within twenty (20) days of the violation, the sum of Twenty-five (\$25) Dollars. (13069 §1 5/15/91; 13194 §1 4/21/93; 13389 §1 3/25/96; 13901 §2 4/19/01)

H. In all cases, failure of the owner or operator to make payment after twenty (20) days, shall make the owner or operator subject to a penalty not to exceed One Hundred (\$100) Dollars ~~and default of payment of fine and costs, imprisoned not more than ten (10) days.~~ (13069 §1 5/15/91; 13194 §1 4/21/93; 13389 §1 3/25/96; 13901 §24/19/01)

I. For violation of Section 531.08, Storage of Vehicles on Street, the owner or operator may, within ten (10) days of the time when such violation was alleged, pay as a penalty the sum of Thirty-five (\$35) dollars after ten (10) days but within twenty (20) days of the violation, the sum of Fifty (\$50) Dollars. Any vehicle parked in violation of the provisions of this ordinance 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. (13901 §2 4/19/01)

J. For violation of Sections 531.07, Parking Truck and Tractor Trailers, 531.09, Parking of Inoperable or Illegally Registered Vehicles, and 531.13, Washing Vehicles on Streets and Sidewalks, the owner or operator within ten (10) days of the time when such violation was alleged, pay as a penalty and in full satisfaction of each violation, the sum of Twenty-five (\$25) Dollars, and after ten (10) days, but within twenty (20) days of the violation, the sum of Thirty-five (\$35) Dollars. (13901 §2 4/19/01)

K. For Violation of Section 531.03 (G), Parking Prohibited within fifteen (15') feet of a fire hydrant, the vehicle is subject to immediate towing. The owner or operator within ten (10) days of violation pay a penalty of Fifty (\$50) Dollars, and after ten (10) days, but within twenty (20) days of the violation, pay the sum of One Hundred (\$100) Dollars. 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. (14025 §1 10/4/02)

L. Any vehicle that has been cited two (2) times within a one year period shall be towed upon the third citation for violating Article 531.11, Parking Prohibited at Handicapped Areas, and Article 531.12, Parking, Stopping, Standing or Drafting 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. (14514 8/2/07)

M. For violation of Sections 531.07, Parking Truck and Tractor Trailers, the owner or operator within ten (10) days of the time when such violation was alleged, pay as a penalty and in full satisfaction of each violation, the sum of Thirty-five (\$35) Dollars, and after then (10) days, but within twenty (20) days of the violation, the sum of Fifty (\$50) Dollars. (13901 § 2 4/19/01; 14787 § 03/03/10; 15131 § 5/7/14)

SECTION TWO: That this Ordinance take effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION THREE: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.