

Chapter 163

VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

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GENERAL REFERENCES

Police Department — See Ch. 21.

Abandoned vehicles and machines — See Ch. 160.

ARTICLE I General Provisions

§ 163-1. Definitions and interpretation.

- A. Words and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Vehicle Code of Pennsylvania, as now in force or as hereinafter amended, enacted or reenacted, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning.
- B. The term “legal holidays” as used in this chapter shall mean and include: New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.
- C. In this chapter, the singular shall include the plural, the plural shall include the singular, and the masculine shall include the feminine and the neuter.
- D. Although the highways in the borough run generally in a northeast-southwest and a northwest-southeast direction, for the purpose of this chapter Hulmeville Avenue and the highways running parallel or generally parallel thereto shall be deemed to run in a north-south direction, and Fairview Avenue and the highways parallel or generally parallel thereto shall be deemed to run in an east-west direction.

§ 163-2. 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 Borough of Langhorne Manor.

§ 163-3. Temporary and emergency regulations.

- A. The Mayor shall have the following powers to regulate traffic and parking temporarily and in time of emergency:
- (1) In the case of fire, flood, storm or other emergency, to establish temporary traffic and/or parking regulations.
 - (2) In the case of an emergency or to facilitate public works, or in the conduct of parades, processions or public events, to restrict or prohibit traffic and/or parking in limited areas for periods of not more than seventy-two (72) hours.
- B. Such temporary and emergency regulations shall be enforced by the Mayor and Police Department in the same manner as permanent regulations. Any person who shall operate or park a vehicle or tractor in violation of any such regulation, or who shall move, remove, destroy, injure or deface any sign or marking erected, posted or made to give notice of any such regulation, shall, upon conviction thereof, be liable to the penalty set forth in the law or elsewhere in this chapter for a violation of such nature, and, in case of violation for which no specific penalty is set forth in the law or elsewhere in this chapter, to a fine of not more than ten dollars (\$10.) and costs of prosecution, and, in default of payment of such fine and costs, to undergo imprisonment for not more than five (5) days.

§ 163-4. Experimental regulations.

The Borough Council may, from time to time, designate places upon and along the highways in the borough where, for a period of not more than ninety (90) days, specific traffic and/or parking regulations, prohibitions and restrictions shall be in force and effect, and shall designate such locations by proper signs and markings. Such regulations, prohibitions and restrictions shall be effective just as if they had been specified in this chapter. No person shall operate or park a vehicle or tractor in violation of any such regulation, prohibition or restriction, and no person shall move, remove, destroy or deface any sign or marking erected, posted or made by authority of this section. The purpose of this section is to allow for the test and experimental determination of the feasibility and desirability of permanent changes in the ordinances of the borough relative to traffic and parking.

§ 163-5. Authority of peace officers.

The peace officers of the borough are hereby given authority to direct traffic on the highways of the borough and at intersections thereof.

ARTICLE II Traffic Regulations

§ 163-6. Driving on sidewalks prohibited.

No person shall operate a motor vehicle or tractor upon any sidewalk in the borough; nor shall any person operate a motor vehicle upon or across any sidewalk except in order to gain access

to or egress from a driveway or alley at such locations where the curb, if such sidewalk is curbed, shall have been properly cut down for the purpose.

§ 163-7. Speed limits established. [Amended 8-4-1981 as Ord. No. 1981-1]

The following speed limits are hereby established:

Highway	Between	Speed Limit (mph)
Bellevue Avenue	Entire length	35
Comly Avenue	Entire length	35
Hulmeville Avenue	Entire length	35
All other streets	Entire length	25

§ 163-8. Traffic signals at certain intersections.

At the following intersections, official traffic signals shall be erected, and traffic at such intersections shall be directed by such signals:

(Reserved)

§ 163-9. One-way highways established.

The following are hereby established as one-way highways:

Highway	Direction of Travel	Location
(Reserved)		

§ 163-10. U-turns prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for the operator of a motor vehicle or tractor to make a U-turn on any of the following portions of highways:

Highway	Between
(Reserved)	

§ 163-11. Left and/or right turns prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle or tractor traveling upon the first-named highway at any of the following intersections, in the direction or directions hereby indicated in each case, to make a left turn and/or a right turn at said intersection, as hereby indicated:

Vehicle Traveling From	Direction of Travel Into	Not to Make Turn to
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(Reserved)

§ 163-12. Traffic to keep to right of certain structures and barriers.

All vehicular traffic shall keep to the right of the following structures or barriers located in the center of the specified intersections:

(Reserved)

§ 163-13. Traffic to move in counterclockwise direction around certain squares.

All traffic shall move in a counterclockwise direction only around the following squares or upon any portion of the highway surrounding such squares:

(Reserved)

§ 163-14. Through highways established.

The following highways are hereby established as through highways, and the operator of every vehicle or tractor, upon approaching any such highway at any intersection thereof (except for such intersections where there are now or shall hereafter be located official traffic signals), shall come to a full stop, within a reasonable distance, before entering any such through highway:

Highway	Location
Bellevue Avenue	Northerly borough line to Comly Avenue
Hill Avenue	Northerly borough line to Comly Avenue
Hulmeville Avenue	Northerly borough line to Comly Avenue
Pine Street	Northerly borough line to Manor Avenue
Station Avenue	Northerly borough line to Comly Avenue

§ 163-15. Stop intersections established. [Amended 8-13-1984 by Ord. No. 84-4; 8-1-1995 by Ord. No. 95-08-01]

The following intersections (in addition to highways intersecting the through highways established by § 163-14 of this article) are hereby established as stop intersections, and official stop signs shall be erected in such a position as to face traffic approaching the second-named

highway upon the first-named highway in the direction or directions hereby indicated. All vehicles and tractors approaching any such intersection upon the first-named highway in the direction or directions hereby indicated in each case shall come to a full stop, within a reasonable distance, before entering any such intersection:

Stop Sign On	At Intersection of	Direction of Travel
Hill Avenue	Gillam Avenue	Northerly
Hill Avenue	Gillam Avenue	Southerly
North Avenue	Comly Street	Southerly
North Avenue	Elm Avenue	Northerly
Station Avenue	Gillam Avenue	Northerly
Station Avenue	Gillam Avenue	Southerly

§ 163-16. Yield-right-of-way intersections established.

The following intersections are hereby established as yield-right-of-way intersections, and official yield signs shall be erected in such a position as to face traffic approaching the second-named highway from the first-named highway in the direction or directions hereby indicated. All vehicles and tractors approaching any such intersection upon the first-named highway in the direction or directions hereby indicated shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicle in the intersection or approaching on the second-named highway so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard during the time that the operator of such vehicle or tractor is moving across or within such intersection:

Yield Sign on	At Intersection of	Direction of Travel
		(Reserved)

§ 163-17. Certain classes of vehicles prohibited on certain highways.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any vehicle or tractor except a passenger vehicle (but not including any passenger vehicle drawing any trailer or towing any other vehicle) upon any of the following portions of the highways in the borough:

All highways in the borough except Bellevue Avenue and Hulmeville Avenue.

§ 163-18. Vehicle weight limits established.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any commercial vehicle or other tractor, trailer or tractor-trailer combination, having a gross weight in excess of that herein respectively prescribed, upon any of the following highways or portions thereof, except for the purpose of making local deliveries on that highway:

Highway	Gross Weight (pounds)	Location
All streets	4,000	Entire length

§ 163-19. Operation of vehicles on closed highways prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any vehicle or tractor upon any highway in the borough that is under construction, resurfacing or repair, in disregard of any official sign, barricade or notice that the same is closed to vehicular traffic.

§ 163-20. Play highways established and authorized.

- A. The following areas upon the highways in the borough are hereby established as play highways:

Highway	Hours	Days	Location
		(Reserved)	

- B. The Mayor is hereby authorized to designate as play highways, whenever he shall deem such action advisable and for whatever period of time directed by him, any portion of any highway in the borough whereon sledding and coasting shall be permitted. Such highway shall be set apart for the purpose under the direction of the Mayor.
- C. No person shall operate any motor vehicle or tractor upon any play highway at any time when such highway shall be so designated, except in case of emergency, with special permission of the Mayor or of the police officer in charge, who shall first clear such play highway of all persons using such highway for the purpose for which it was set aside.

§ 163-21. Accident reports required.

The operator of any motor vehicle involved in an accident in the borough and required by law to report such accident to any department or agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or any other person required to make such report, shall, at the time of making such report to the commonwealth, make a written report to the Chief of Police of the borough, containing the same information.

**ARTICLE III
Parking Regulations**

§ 163-22. Parking without lights authorized.

The boundary limits of the Borough of Langhorne Manor are hereby established as a zone in which motor vehicles may remain standing without lights, and all highways within such boundary limits are hereby designated as highways where motor vehicles may remain standing without lights.

§ 163-23. Vehicles to be parked within marked spaces.

Whenever a space shall be marked off on any highway for the parking of an individual vehicle, every vehicle there parked shall be parked within the lines bounding such space.

§ 163-24. Angle parking permitted on portions of certain highways.

- A. Only angle parking shall be permitted on the following portions of the highway indicated:

Highway	Side	Location
	(Reserved)	

- B. On all highways or portions thereof where angle parking is now or shall hereafter be authorized, all vehicles parked thereon shall be parked with the front thereof nearest the curb.

§ 163-25. Parking prohibited.

- A. Parking is hereby prohibited on all highways in the borough at any and all times between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m. prevailing time; with the exception of the south side of Manor Avenue from the intersection thereof with Bellevue Avenue to a point fifty (50) feet west of the intersection thereof with Park Avenue, at which location parking shall be permitted at all times subject to requirements and limitations set forth in Article IV of this chapter. [Amended 9-3-1985 by Ord. No. 85-1]
- B. Parking is hereby prohibited on the following highways at all times on the sides of the highway and in the locations indicated:

Highway	Side	Location
Highland Avenue	Both	Bellevue Avenue to Station Avenue
Hulmeville Avenue [Added 2-21-1978 by Ord. No. 120]	East	From Highland Avenue to a point 100 feet south thereof

§ 163-26. Parking restricted.

- A. Except on Sundays and legal holidays, no person shall park a vehicle or allow the same to remain parked, between the hours herein indicated, in any of the following locations:

Highway	Side	Hours	Location
Comly Avenue	North	7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Bellevue Avenue to Hill Avenue
Comly Avenue	South	7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Bellevue Avenue to Hulmeville Avenue

Highway	Side	Hours	Location
Elm Avenue	South	7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Bellevue Avenue to Hill Avenue
Hill Avenue	West	7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Park Avenue to southerly borough limits
North Avenue	West	7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Elm Avenue to Comly Avenue
Station Avenue	West	7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Park Avenue to southerly borough limits

- B. Except on Sundays and legal holidays, no person shall park a vehicle or allow the same to remain parked, between the hours herein indicated, for longer than the time herein indicated, in any of the following locations:

Highway	Side	Hours	No Parking in Excess of	Location
Comly Avenue	North	7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	3 hours	Hill Avenue to Hulmeville Avenue
Elm Avenue	North	7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	3 hours	Bellevue Avenue to Hill Avenue
Hill Avenue	East	7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	3 hours	Park Avenue to southerly borough limits
North Avenue	East	7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	3 hours	Elm Avenue to Comly Avenue
Station Avenue	East	7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	3 hours	Park Avenue to southerly borough limits

§ 163-27. Special purpose parking zones established.

The following are hereby established as special purpose parking zones, and it shall be unlawful for any person to park any vehicle or tractor or to allow the same to remain parked in any such zone except as specifically provided for such zone:

Highway	Side	Authorized Purpose or Vehicle	Location
		(Reserved)	

ARTICLE IV Snow and Ice Emergency

§ 163-28. Declaration of emergency.

In order to facilitate the movement of traffic and to combat the hazards of excessive snow and ice on the highways or portions of highways named in § 163-31 of this Article, the Mayor, in his discretion, may declare an emergency due to such hazards.

§ 163-29. Parking prohibited and traffic restricted on specific highways during emergency.

After any such emergency shall have been declared, it shall be unlawful during the period of such emergency for any person to park a motor vehicle or tractor or to allow the same to remain parked on any highway or portion thereof named in § 163-31 of this Article, or to operate any motor vehicle or tractor on any such highway or portion thereof unless such vehicle or tractor shall be equipped with adequate equipment to provide sufficient traction to keep such vehicle or tractor in motion so that other traffic on such highways will not be blocked or seriously impeded.

§ 163-30. Placement of signs along highways affected.

- A. In order to assist the operators of motor vehicles and tractors in determining the highways affected by this Article, the Mayor or the Chief of Police shall place around the utility poles on the highways or portions thereof designated in § 163-31 of this Article signs reading as follows:

SNOW
EMERGENCY
ROUTE
SNOW TIRES OR
CHAINS REQUIRED
NO PARKING
DURING EMERGENCY
VEHICLES
TOWED AWAY

- B. The Mayor or the Chief of Police shall also, through radio, newspaper or other available media, disseminate information as to the existence of such an emergency.

§ 163-31. Highways affected.

The provisions of this Article shall be applicable during all periods of emergency, declared as provided in § 163-28 of this Article, to the following highways or portions thereof:

All highways of the borough.

§ 163-32. Penalty for violation.

- A. At any time during a period of emergency declared as provided in § 163-28 of this Article, any person who shall park a motor vehicle or tractor anywhere upon or along any of the highways or portions thereof listed in § 163-31 of this Article shall be guilty of a violation of this Article, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than two dollars (\$2.) nor more than ten dollars (\$10.) and costs of prosecution, and, in default of payment of such fine and costs, to undergo imprisonment for not more than five (5) days.
- B. Any person who shall operate a vehicle or tractor upon any highway or portion thereof listed in § 163-31 of this Article, if such vehicle or tractor shall become stalled upon any of such streets during a period of emergency declared as provided in § 163-28 of this Article, if such stalling shall have been by reason of the failure to have such vehicle or tractor equipped with the equipment hereinabove prescribed, shall be guilty of a violation of this Article, and, upon conviction thereof, such person shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25.) and costs of prosecution, and, in default of payment of such fine and costs, to undergo imprisonment for not more than ten (10) days.

ARTICLE V

Removal and Impounding of Illegally Parked Vehicles

§ 163-33. Authority to remove and impound.

The Chief of Police of the Borough of Langhorne Manor is hereby authorized to remove and impound or to order the removal and impounding of any vehicle parked on any of the streets, highways or public property in the borough in violation of any provision of the law or of any ordinance of the borough, provided no such vehicle shall be removed or impounded except in strict adherence to the provisions of this Article.

§ 163-34. Approved storage garages designated.

The following garages are hereby designated as approved storage garages, as pounds for the storage of such impounded vehicles:

Name of Garage	Address
Scrappy's Auto Service	350 East Lincoln Highway, Penndel, Pennsylvania

§ 163-35. Garages to be bonded.

Every such approved storage garage or pound shall be bonded in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.) for the indemnifying of the owner of every such impounded vehicle against the loss thereof or injury or damage thereto while in the custody of such poundkeeper.

§ 163-36. Towing and storage charges.

The towing charge to be collected by every such poundkeeper shall be ten dollars (\$10.) and the storage charge shall be five dollars (\$5.) for the first day and three dollars (\$3.) for each additional day.

§ 163-37. Notification of removal and impounding.

Within twelve (12) hours from the time of removal of any vehicle under authority granted by this Article, notice of the fact that such vehicle has been impounded shall be sent by the Chief of Police of the Borough of Langhorne Manor to the owner of record of such vehicle. Such notice shall designate the place from which such vehicle was removed, the reason for its removal and impounding and the pound in which it shall have been impounded.

§ 163-38. Effect of payment of charges without protest.

The payment of any towing and impounding charges authorized by this Article shall, unless such payment shall have been made under protest, be final and conclusive, and shall constitute a waiver of any right to recover the money so paid.

§ 163-39. Effect of payment of charges under protest.

In the event that any towing and impounding charges so imposed shall be paid under protest, the offender shall be entitled to a hearing before a magistrate or court of record having jurisdiction, in which case such defendant shall be proceeded against and shall receive such notice as is provided in the Vehicle Code in other cases of summary offenses and shall have the same rights as to appeal and waiver of hearing.

§ 163-40. Record of vehicles removed and impounded.

The Chief of Police shall keep a record of all vehicles impounded and shall be able at all reasonable times to furnish the owners or the agents of the owners thereof with information as to the place of storage of such vehicles.

§ 163-41. Liability for fine or penalty.

The payment of towing and storage charges authorized by this Article shall not operate to relieve the owner or operator of any vehicle from liability for any fine or penalty for violation of any law or ordinance on account of which such vehicle was removed and impounded.

§ 163-42. Restrictions upon removal of vehicles.

No vehicle shall be removed under the authority of this Article if, at the time of the intended removal thereof, the owner or person for the time being in charge of such vehicle is present and expresses a willingness and intention to remove such vehicle immediately.

ARTICLE VI
Interpretation and Repeal

§ 163-43. Severability.

The provisions of this chapter shall be severable, and if any of its provisions shall be held to be unconstitutional, illegal or otherwise invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of any of the remaining provisions of this chapter. It is hereby declared as a legislative intent that this chapter would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or otherwise invalid provision not been included herein.

§ 163-44. Continuation of existing regulations.

The provisions of this chapter, so far as they are the same as those of ordinances and regulations in force immediately prior to the enactment of this chapter, are intended as a continuation of such ordinances and regulations and not as new enactments. The provisions of this chapter shall not affect any act done or liability incurred under, nor shall they affect any suit or prosecution pending or to be instituted to enforce, any of these repealed ordinances or regulations.

§ 163-45. Repealer.

All ordinances of the Borough of Langhorne Manor, insofar as they deal with regulating traffic and/or parking, are hereby repealed and declared unenforceable insofar as they are inconsistent herewith.

§ 163-46. Violations and penalties.

- A. Any person who shall violate any provision of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine and/or be imprisoned for a period of time, and shall pay the costs of prosecution. The amount of the fine and the term of imprisonment for a violation of the various sections of this chapter, if not otherwise set forth in the Motor Vehicle Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, shall be as follows:

Fine of Not More Than	Imprisonment for Not More Than (days)	Sections Applicable
\$ 5.00	3	§§ 163-25 and 163-26
10.00	5	§§ 163-14 and 163-15
25.00	10	§§ 163-17 and 163-19

- B. Any person who shall violate any provision of Article III, Parking Regulations, except §§ 163-25 and 163-26 thereof, shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than two dollars (\$2.) nor more than ten dollars (\$10.) and costs of prosecution, and/or imprisonment for not more than five (5) days. It shall be the duty of the peace officers of the borough to report to the Mayor all violations of any provisions of Article III, indicating, in each case, the section thereof violated, the license number of the vehicle involved in such violation, the location where such violation took place, the time of such violation and any other facts that might be necessary in order to secure a clear understanding of the circumstances attending such violation. The peace officer making such report shall also attach to every such vehicle a notice that such vehicle is parked in violation of Article III, which notice shall contain instructions to the owner or operator of such vehicle that if he shall report to the office of the Police Department and pay, for the use of the borough, the sum of two dollars (\$2.) within forty-eight (48) hours after the time of such notice, or if he shall place such sum of two dollars (\$2.), enclosed within the envelope provided, in any of the special parking fine boxes installed at various locations within the borough, within such time limit, the same shall save such violator from prosecution and from payment of the fine and costs hereinabove prescribed.