

OFFICIAL
TOWNSHIP OF OHIO
ORDINANCE NO. 37

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING PARKING ON
THE STREETS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OHIO
DURING EMERGENCIES, ADVERSE WEATHER
CONDITIONS AND DISASTER.

The Board of Supervisors of Ohio Township does hereby
ordain and enact as follows:

I. Parking is hereby prohibited on the streets of Ohio
Township in all cases of emergencies, disaster or adverse weather
conditions, which shall include but not be confined to the follow-
ing occasions:

(1) In case of fire no vehicle shall be parked
on the street within one thousand (1000) feet of
the fire.

(2) In the event of snowfall no vehicle shall
be parked on the streets of Ohio Township. Any
person who is the owner of a motor vehicle which
is parked on the roads and streets of Ohio Town-
ship during a snowfall, so as to interfere with
and restrict the operations of snow-plows of the
Township of Ohio shall be in violation of this
Ordinance and subject to the penalties provided
herein.

II. The Chief of Police of Ohio Township is hereby
authorized to remove and impound, or to order the removal and im-
pounding of, any vehicle parked on any of the streets or public
property of the Township of Ohio in violation of the provisions of
this Ordinance or in the event of any emergency or disaster where
such removal is deemed necessary for the public safety by the Chief
of Police. PROVIDED: No vehicle shall be removed or impounded
except in strict adherence to the provisions of this Article.

(1) Garage. No vehicle shall be impounded in
any garage beyond the territorial limits of Ohio
Township and any vehicle so impounded shall not
be released except upon approval of the Chief of
Police of the Township. No garage shall be quali-
fied as a pound keeper unless it shall certify
complete insurance coverage for damage or loss of
any vehicle or shall provide bond to Ohio Township
for Five Thousand (\$5000.00) Dollars.

(2) Towing and Storage Charges. Towing charges
shall not be in excess of the prevailing towing
rate in the County.

(3) Chief of Police to Notify Owners of Impounded Vehicles. 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 Township of Ohio to the owner of record of such vehicle. Such notice shall designate the place from which said vehicle was removed, the reason for its removal and impounding, and the pound in which it shall have been impounded.

(4) Effect of Payment of Towing and Impounding 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.

(5) 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 by the Vehicle Code in other cases of summary offenses, and shall have the same rights as to appeal and waiver of hearing.

(6) Records 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 agents of the owners thereof with information as to the place of storage of such vehicles.

(7) Owner or Operator of Vehicle Remains Liable For Fine or Penalty.

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

(8) 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.

(9) Authority of Other Police Officers.

Any powers delegated by this Ordinance to the Chief of Police shall be construed to be delegated to any police officer on duty in the absence of the Chief of Police.

III. PENALTY - Any person who violates this Ordinance or any person who is the owner of a vehicle in violation of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be liable to a fine not exceeding Ten (\$10.00) Dollars together with costs for each offense, and upon failure to pay such fine, by imprisonment in the Allegheny County Jail for a period not exceeding ten (10) days.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into law this 21st day of

January, 1959.

OHIO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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