

ORDINANCE NO. 2003- 06

AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTIONS 610 AND 611 TO CHAPTER 600 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCE TO PROHIBITING PARKING OF VEHICLES ON BOROUGH STREETS AFTER A SNOW STORM AND PROVIDING FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE ORDINANCE AND PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the Langhorne Borough Council has determined that the Borough roads are not wide to accommodate parking during times when snow removal is required;

WHEREAS, the Langhorne Borough Council has determined that the parking of vehicles in the snow constitutes a hazard to residents and pedestrians and impedes the removal of the snow; and,

WHEREAS, the Langhorne Borough Council has determined that the health, safety and general welfare of its citizens shall be increased by requiring vehicles to be removed from Borough streets during times of snow and prohibiting the parking on vehicles on Borough streets until after snow removal has been completed.

NOW THEREFORE, BE ORDAINED AND ENACTED that Chapter 600 of the General Ordinances is amended to add Section 610 and 611 as follows:

Section 610. Traffic Restricted on Borough Streets.

a. Whenever the snow reaches a depth of four inches ([§]4") or more, it shall be unlawful for the owner, operator or custodian of any trailer or motor vehicle to park, abandon or leave unattended such vehicle or to cause or allow any vehicle to be parked abandoned, or left unattended, within the right-of-way of any road, street, highway or other thoroughfare within the Borough, for the period commencing two (2) hours after the snow reaches a depth of four inches (4") or more, continuing during any snowfall and after the termination of any snowfall, until the right-of-way has been cleared of snow, such period of time not to exceed seventy-two (72) hours after the cessation of a snowstorm.

Provided: Nothing in this section shall prohibit any person from driving or parking an emergency vehicle on an emergency or medical call on any Borough streets, or from driving or stopping a truck or other commercial vehicle while making local deliveries or pickups from premises located along that street or part of a street.

b. The Langhorne Borough Code Enforcement Officer, the Langhorne Borough Mayor or any member of the Langhorne Borough Police Department may make the determination that the snow fall has reached a depth of four inches (4"), as measured at the Borough Hall. The Code Enforcement Officer and all members of the Police Department shall be authorized to enforce the terms of these provisions.

c. Any person, owner, firm, association or corporation who violates any provision of section 610, any owner of any trailer or motor vehicle found to be in violation of section 610, or any operator of any trailer or motor vehicle found to be in violation of section 610 shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of thirty dollars (\$30.00) and costs. Each daily occurrence of an offense under section 610 shall be considered a new offense, and fineable as such.

Section 611. Removal of Violating Vehicles; costs; fines, and penalties.

a. Any trailer or motor vehicle found upon a right-of-way during a snow emergency or after there has been a declaration that the snow fall has reached a depth of four inches (4") as measured at the Borough Hall may be subject to towing and impoundment.

b. If in the judgment of the officer, any trailer or motor vehicle parked in violation of Section 610 constitutes a hazard to the public or is an impediment to snow removal operations, the officer may direct the immediate removal and towing of said vehicle. If in the judgment of the officer, any trailer or motor vehicle parked in violation of Section 610 constitutes a nuisance but does not impede snow removal operations, the enforcing officer shall place a notice concerning these regulations on the trailer or motor vehicle. The placement of said notice shall not prevent the subsequent removal or towing of the vehicle if said vehicle impedes snow removal at a later time.

c. All members of the Langhorne Borough Police Department shall be authorized to enforce the terms of these provisions.

d. The owner of said vehicle shall be responsible for all fees, charges and costs related to the towing and storage of said vehicle.


e. Any person, owner, firm, association or corporation who violates any provision of section 611, any owner of any trailer or motor vehicle found to be in violation of section 611, or any operator of any trailer or motor vehicle found to be in violation of section 611 shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) and costs. Each daily occurrence of an offense under section 611 shall be considered a new offense, and fineable as such.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall become effective in accordance with the provisions of the Borough Code.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this th day of November, 2003.

LANGHORNE BOROUGH COUNCIL

ATTEST:


Barry Truch
President


Rosemarie Curran
Secretary

Examined and approved this th day of November, 2003.


Chris Blaydon
Mayor