

BOROUGH OF SYKESVILLE

ORDINANCE # 380 -01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SYKESVILLE, COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, REGULATING THE PARKING OF TRACTOR-TRAILERS ON ROADS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF SYKESVILLE.

WHEREAS, the Sykesville Borough Council finds it necessary to regulate the parking of tractor-trailers within the Borough of Sykesville to reduce public safety hazards and maintain the quality of Borough of Sykesville neighborhoods, thereby preserving the value of property of the said neighborhoods. The parking of tractor-trailers within the Borough of Sykesville creates safety hazards by encroaching into the abutting lane and moving traffic across the center lane. Such parking and obstruction, besides being a public safety issue, impedes the free flow of traffic. Parked close to an intersection, such tractor-trailers and trailers negatively impact the available distance for vehicles entering the street. Tractor-trailers and trailers parked within the Borough of Sykesville, whether on roads or other Borough of Sykesville property, generate complaints from Borough of Sykesville residents in regards to traffic impediments and safety hazards, as well as noise and aesthetic complaints, and complaints regarding the value of property within Borough of Sykesville neighborhoods.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Sykesville, as follows:

Section 1. Definitions

A. Park or Parking. The halting of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except momentarily for the purpose of, and actually engaged in, loading or unloading property or passengers.

B. Tractor Trailer. A motor vehicle designed and used primarily for drawing other vehicles and not so constructed as to carry a load other than a part of the weight of the vehicle and load so drawn.

C. Trailer. Every vehicle, wagon or truck without motive power designed to carry property or passengers wholly on its own structure and to be drawn by a motor vehicle.

Section 2. Prohibitions

It shall be unlawful for any person to park, or allow to remain parked, Borough of Sykesville property, including but not limited to, any road, or part of road, within the Borough of Sykesville, any tractor-trailer or trailer, or any combination thereof.

Section 3. Exceptions

The provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to:

A. Vehicles of the Borough of Sykesville engaging in Borough business, fire apparatus and ambulances when engaged in emergency use, or vehicles engaged in the work of a public utility.

B. Vehicles of service companies, contractors, repairmen, delivery trucks or others actually engaged in working operations in the vicinity during the actual period as such between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Section 4. Penalties

A. Any person who shall park a tractor-trailer, or tractor, within the Borough of Sykesville in violation of Section 2 of this Part, shall be guilty of violation of this Part, and, subject to Subsection B of this Section 4 regarding first offenses, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of \$ 50.00, and costs of prosecution, and in default of payment of such fine and costs of prosecution, to imprisonment for a number of days equal to one (1) day for each \$10.00 of the unpaid balance of the fine and costs of prosecution.

B. For a first violation of this Part, a written warning shall be issued to the offending person or party.

ORDAINED AND ADOPTED as an Ordinance by the Borough Council of the Borough of Sykesville, in lawful session duly assembled this 19th day of November, 2007.

ATTEST:

Karen M. Deter
Karen M. Deter, Asst. Secretary

BOROUGH OF SYKESVILLE
Donald J. Reid
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