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Part 1
General Regulations

Section 1. Definitions and Interpretation.¹

(a) Words and phrases, when used in this ordinance,² shall have the meanings ascribed to them in The Vehicle Code of Pennsylvania, as now in force, or as hereafter amended, enacted or reenacted, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning.

(b) In this ordinance, the singular shall include the plural, the plural shall include the singular, and the masculine shall include the feminine.³
(Ordinance 76, August 1, 1977, Article I, Section 1)

Section 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 Harrisville. (Ordinance 76, August 1, 1977, Article I, Section 2)

Section 3. Temporary and Emergency Regulations. The Mayor shall have the following powers to regulate traffic and parking temporarily and in time of emergency:

(a) In the case of fire, flood, storm or other emergency, to establish temporary traffic and/or parking regulations;

(b) In the case of 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.

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1. This heading and the headings of Sections 1 to 5, 11 to 16, 31 to 35, 51 and 52 of this chapter are part of the ordinance as enacted.
 2. Sections 1 to 5, 11 to 16, 31 to 35, 51 and 52 of this chapter.
 3. Section 3 of Article IV of this ordinance repealed ordinances approved on: October 15, 1920 (Ordinance 9), September 14, 1943, May 3, 1952, and May 2, 1956.

Such temporary and emergency regulations shall be enforced by the Mayor and the peace officers of the Borough 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 ordinance⁴ for a violation of such nature, and, in case of a violation for which no specific penalty is set forth in the law or elsewhere in this ordinance, to a fine of not more than ten dollars (\$10.00) and costs of prosecution, and, in default of payment of such fine and costs, to undergo imprisonment for not more than five (5) days. (Ordinance 76, August 1, 1977, Article I, Section 3)

Section 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 ordinance.⁵ 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. Any person who shall violate any provision of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be liable to the penalty set forth in the law or elsewhere in this ordinance for a violation of such nature, and in case of a violation for which no specific penalty is set forth in the law or elsewhere in this ordinance, to a fine of not more than ten dollars (\$10.00) and costs of prosecution, and, in default of payment of such fine and costs, to undergo imprisonment for not more than five (5) days. Provided: 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. (Ordinance 76, August 1, 1977, Article I, Section 4)

Section 5. Authority of Peace Officers. The peace officers of the Borough are hereby given authority to direct traffic on the highways in the Borough and at intersections thereof.⁶ (Ordinance 76, August 1, 1977, Article I, Section 5)

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4. Sections 1 to 5, 11 to 16, 31 to 35, 51 and 52 of this chapter.
 5. Sections 1 to 5, 11 to 16, 31 to 35, 51 and 52 of this chapter.
 6. Under the Vehicle Code the penalty for refusing to comply with any lawful order, signal or direction of a peace officer who is in uniform and exhibits his badge or other sign of authority is a fine of \$10 and costs, and, in default of payment, imprisonment for not more than 5 days. (1959 P.L. 58 section 1221-d)

Part 2
Traffic Regulations

Section 11. Motor Vehicles not to be Driven on Sidewalks. 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. Any person who shall violate any provision of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) and costs of prosecution, and, in default of payment of such fine and costs, to undergo imprisonment for not more than ten (10) days. (Ordinance 76, August 1, 1977, Article II, Section 1)

Section 12. Speed Limits Established. The following speed limits are hereby established:

<u>Highway</u>	<u>Between</u>	<u>Speed Limit</u>
1. Franklin Street	Station 0+00 at Mercer Street and Station 21+00	40 miles per hour
	Station 1273+94 to Station 1230+00	35 miles per hour
2. W. Mercer Street	Franklin Street and west Borough line	35 miles per hour
3. W. Prairie Street	Franklin Street and Constitution Avenue	15 miles per hour
4. All others	For entire extent	25 miles per hour

Any person who shall operate a vehicle or tractor at a speed in excess of that established therefor, upon a highway or portion thereof specified in this section, shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of ten dollars (\$10.00) and costs of prosecution, and, in default of payment of such fine and costs, to undergo imprisonment for not more than five (5) days. (Ordinance 76, August 1, 1977, Article II, Section 2)

Section 13. Traffic Signals at Certain Intersections. At the following intersections, official traffic signals shall be erected (or if heretofore erected are hereby ratified), and traffic at such intersections shall be directed by such signals:

1. Franklin Street and Mercer Street

Any operator of a vehicle or tractor who shall disobey the directions of any traffic signal shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of five dollars (\$5.00) and costs of prosecution, and, in default of payment of such fine and costs, to undergo imprisonment for not more than three (3) days. (Ordinance 76, August 1, 1977, Article II, Section 3)

Section 14. Stop Intersections Established. The following intersections are hereby established as stop intersections, and official stop signs shall be erected (or are hereby confirmed if heretofore 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:

<u>Stop Highway</u>	<u>Through Highway</u>	<u>Direction of Travel</u>
1. Annandale Street	Mercer Street	Northbound
2. Brown Street	Church Street	Westbound
3. Brown Street	Franklin Street	Eastbound and westbound
4. Brown Street	McDonald Street	Eastbound
5. Church Street	Edna Street	Northbound and southbound
6. Church Street	Franklin Street	Eastbound
7. Church Street	Henry Street	Northbound and southbound
8. Church Street	Mercer Street	Southbound
9. Church Street	Prairie Street	Northbound and southbound
10. Church Street	Washington Street	Northbound and southbound
11. Constitution Avenue	Edna Street	Southbound
12. Constitution Avenue	Mercer Street	Northbound
13. Constitution Avenue	Prairie Street	Southbound
14. Constitution Avenue	Washington Street	All directions
15. Edna Street	Church Street	Eastbound and westbound
16. Fryman Street	Church Street	Westbound

<u>Stop Highway</u>	<u>Through Highway</u>	<u>Direction of Travel</u>
17. Fryman Street	Franklin Street	Eastbound
18. Henry Street	Franklin Street	Eastbound and westbound
19. Henry Street	McDonald Street	Eastbound
20. Henry Street	Mercer Street	Southbound
21. Huston Street	Edna Street	Northbound and southbound
22. Huston Street	Washington Street	Northbound
23. Imbrie Street	Franklin Street	Northbound
24. Legion Street	Mercer Street	Northbound
25. Legion Street	Prairie Street	Southbound
26. McConnell Street	Mercer Street	Northbound
27. McConnell Street	Prairie Street	Southbound
28. McDonald Street	Church Street	Southbound
29. McDonald Street	Franklin Street	Westbound
30. McDonald Street	Mercer Street	Northbound and southbound
31. McDonald Street	Prairie Street	Northbound and southbound
32. McDonald Street	Washington Street	Southbound and northbound
33. McKissons Street	Franklin Street	Eastbound
34. Mill Street	Mercer Street	Northbound
35. Mill Street	Prairie Street	Southbound
36. Prairie Street	Annandale Street	Eastbound
37. Prairie Street	Franklin Street	Eastbound and westbound
38. Renick Street	Mercer Street	Northbound
39. Renick Street	Prairie Street	Southbound
40. Sutton Street	Franklin Street	Eastbound

<u>Stop Highway</u>	<u>Through Highway</u>	<u>Direction of Travel</u>
41. Washington Street	Church Street	Eastbound and westbound
42. Washington Street	Franklin Street	Eastbound and westbound
43. Wick Avenue	Franklin Street	Westbound
44. Wick Avenue	Prairie Street	Northbound

Any operator of a vehicle or tractor who shall fail to come to a full stop, within a reasonable distance, before entering any stop intersection, as hereinabove required, shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of five dollars (\$5.00) and costs of prosecution, and, in default of payment of such fine and costs, to undergo imprisonment for not more than three (3) days. (Ordinance 76, August 1, 1977, Article II, Section 4)

Section 15. Vehicle Weight Limits Established. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any motor vehicle or other vehicle, tractor, trailer, or tractor-trailer combination, having a gross weight in excess of ten thousand (10,000) pounds, on any highway in the Borough of Harrisville except for State highways. Any person who shall violate any provision of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) and costs of prosecution, and, in default of payment of such fine and costs, to undergo imprisonment for not more than ten (10) days. (Ordinance 76, August 1, 1977, Article II, Section 5)

Section 16. Play Highways Authorized. 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. 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. Any person who shall violate any provision of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than ten dollars (\$10.00) and costs of prosecution, and, in default of payment of such fine and costs, to undergo imprisonment for not more than five (5) days. (Ordinance 76, August 1, 1977, Article II, Section 6)

Part 3

Parking

Section 31. Parking Without Lights Authorized. The boundary limits of the Borough of Harrisville 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. (Ordinance 76, August 1, 1977, Article III, Section 1)

Section 32. Vehicles to be Parked Within Marked Spaces. Wherever 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. (Ordinance 76, August 1, 1977, Article III, Section 2)

Section 33. Parking Prohibited at All Times in Certain Locations. Parking shall be prohibited at all times in the following locations:

<u>Street</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Between</u>
1. Franklin Street	(a) East	North Borough line and Mercer Street
	(b) West	Walker Street and Penngold Ice Cream Factory
2. Prairie Street	South	Main Street and Church Street
3. Church Street	West	Prairie Street and Washington Street
4. Washington Street	North	Church Street and Constitution Street
5. Constitution Street	East	Washington Street and Prairie Street
6. Hilliard Street	(a) North	Franklin Street and McDonald Street
	(b) South	Franklin Street and McDonald Street

(Ordinance 76, August 1, 1977, Article III, Section 3)

Section 34. Parking Prohibited in Certain Locations Certain Days and Hours.
Parking shall be prohibited in the following locations at all times on the days and during or between the hours hereby indicated:

<u>Street</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>Between</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Hours</u>
1. Prairie Street	South	Church Street and Constitution Avenue	School days	School hours

(Ordinance 76, August 1, 1977, Article III, Section 4)

Section 35. Penalty for Violation. Any person who shall violate any provision of this article shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than two dollars (\$2.00) or more than ten dollars (\$10.00) and costs of prosecution, and , in default of payment of such fine and costs, to undergo imprisonment for not more than five (5) days. (Ordinance 76, August 1, 1977, Article III, Section 5)

7. Sections 31 to 35 of this chapter.

Part 4
Interpretation

Section 51. Severability. The provisions of this ordinance⁸ 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 ordinance. It is hereby declared as a legislative intent that this ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or otherwise invalid provision not been included herein. (Ordinance 76, August 1, 1977, Article IV, Section 1)

Section 52. Provisions to be a Continuation of Existing Regulations. The provisions of this ordinance,⁹ so far as they are the same as those of ordinances and regulations in force immediately prior to the enactment of this ordinance, are intended as a continuation of such ordinances and regulations and not as new enactments. The provisions of this ordinance shall not affect any act done or liability incurred, nor shall they affect any suit or prosecution pending or to be instituted to enforce any of these repealed ordinances or regulations. (Ordinance 76, August 1, 1977, Article IV, Section 2)

8. Sections 1 to 5, 11 to 16, 31 to 35, 51 and 52 of this chapter.

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