

Borough of Seven Fields

Ordinance #46

(Amended February 10, 2020-highlighted section)

AN AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SEVEN FIELDS, COUNTY OF BUTLER, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, PROVIDING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PARKING AND OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN THE BOROUGH.

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Seven Fields, Butler County, Pennsylvania, determines that it is in the interest of its residents that detailed rules and regulations govern the areas of trafficking in the Borough; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained and enacted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Seven Fields, Butler County, Pennsylvania:

Article I – General Regulations

Section 1. Definitions and Interpretation.

(a) Words and phrases, when used in this ordinance, shall have the meaning 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.

Section 2. Manner of Adopting Permanent Traffic & 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 Seven Fields.

Section 3. Authority of Police Officers.

The police officers and fire police of the Borough are hereby given authority to direct traffic on the streets and ways in the Borough, and at intersections, thereof.

Article II – Traffic Regulations

Section 1. Motor Vehicles Not to be Driven on Sidewalks or Lawns.

No person shall 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 location where the curb, if such sidewalk is curbed, shall have been properly cut down for this purpose. Residents of the Borough shall be entitled, notwithstanding the provisions of this ordinance, to operate lawn tractors upon their private property and in a safe and responsible manner on public roadways of the Borough for their own personal uses, and for limited periods of time. Motor vehicles are not to be driven on lawn areas, or any part of any individual private lot, except for the driveway area for limited periods of time, to facilitate construction, moving, or similar related activities.

Section 2. Traffic Signals at Certain Intersections.

At the following intersections, official traffic signals shall be erected (or if heretofore erected are hereby confirmed), and traffic at such intersections may be directed by such signals:

1. Castle Creek Drive and Route 228
2. Castle Creek Drive Extension and Route 228

Section 3. Speed Limits Established.

A twenty-five (25) mile per hour speed limit is hereby established upon all streets and ways in the Borough of Seven Fields.

Section 4. Vehicle Weight Limit 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 eighty-five thousand (85,000) pounds, upon any paved street or way in the Borough (State highways excepted). If any operator of a vehicle in gross weight in excess of eighty-five thousand pounds desires to operate such a vehicle on any Borough Road a permit must first be applied for and obtained from the Borough. Any said operator must prove that such a vehicle has been approved and licensed by all applicable federal and state authorities.

Section 5. Play Highways Authorized for Block Parties.

The Mayor is hereby authorized to designate as a "play highway," whenever he shall deem such action advisable, and for whatever period of time designated by him, any portion of any street or way in the Borough, whereon a block party shall be permitted. Such play highway shall be set apart and marked off for the purpose following the completion of a permit application for such purpose. 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 apart.

Article III - Parking Prohibitions

Section 1. Parking Prohibited on Borough Streets.

There shall be no parking under any conditions or circumstances on any Borough street or right of way between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. except for authorized emergency vehicles.

No motor vehicle shall be parked in any Borough owned parking lot between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. Borough owned or operated parking lots may be closed at other times and hours as established by the Borough Ordinance or park rules and regulations. There shall be no parking at any time on public streets in townhouse subdivisions on the following streets:

Aspen Lane, Bradwell Drive, Brookside Court, Brookside Lane, Fairfax Court, Forest Drive, Georgetown Court, Highpointe Drive, Hillvue Drive, Jameson Way, Linden Court, Mosside Loop, Severn Drive, Stoney Creek Court, Sycamore Drive, Wilshire Circle, Whitehaven Drive, and Woodhaven Drive.

Standing and on-street parking shall be prohibited at all school bus stop locations between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday-Friday as established annually by the Seneca Valley School District by August 15th of each year. Such prohibited parking areas will be marked by a yellow painted line on the curb and be a distance of 200 feet in each direction along the main street and 100 feet along the minor street(s) in distance.

Section 2. Parking of Trucks, Buses, and Certain Other Vehicles Prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person to park or allow to remain parked on any of the streets or parts of the streets of the Borough, any vehicle which shall include any vehicle, bus, motor home or passenger car attached to a trailer of any kind, or any trailer or non-motor vehicle as defined in this ordinance and in the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code. Each additional consecutive twenty-four (24) hour period shall be considered an additional violation.

Section 3. Vehicles for Sale.

No owner of a motor vehicle shall park a vehicle displayed for sale at any time on any of the Borough streets or Borough rights-of-way. No owner of a motor vehicle shall park a motor vehicle displayed for sale at any time on a private residential property, or on private commercial property, or on property publicly owned by the Borough of Seven Fields, except a resident of Seven Fields may park a car with a For Sale sign on the paved driveway area of the resident's yard.

Section 4. Vehicles Displaying Advertising or Using Sound Devices.

(a) No person shall operate or park on a street or sidewalk a vehicle for the primary purpose of selling, displaying, advertising or demonstrating merchandise without first obtaining a permit therefore from the Borough Office. This restriction shall not apply to motor vehicles or equipment brought in for a private party, except a permit must be obtained for such a motor vehicle or piece of equipment if said equipment is to be kept on the Borough street after nightfall.

(b) No person shall operate or park on a street or sidewalk a vehicle equipped with and using sound-producing devices to attract the attention of the public for advertising purposes without first obtaining a permit therefore from the Borough Office. There shall be no fee for said permit.

Section 5. Blocking Intersections

No operator of a vehicle shall park such vehicle in any intersection of highways, streets, alleys or lanes in the Borough or otherwise block such an intersection with such vehicle.

Section 6. Storage of Automobiles Prohibited.

(a) No motor vehicle shall be stored on residential property in the Borough except for motor vehicles regularly used for transportation by the owners or occupants of the property. All vehicles must have a current Pennsylvania motor vehicle inspection.

(b) Any motor vehicle stored on private property which does not comply with the terms and conditions of this Ordinance shall be removed by the owner or occupant of the property within five (5) days after receiving notice from the Borough to do so.

Article IV - Vehicles in Parks

Section 1. Operation of Motor Vehicles within Parks.

No motor vehicles of any kind of description, whether car, truck, motorcycle, motorized bicycle, minibike, terrain vehicle or any other motorized vehicle, whether two-wheeled or four-wheeled, shall be operated within the park area of the Seven Fields Borough Municipal Parks or any other park area of the Borough of Seven Fields, whether now existing or hereafter created, except for the use of the public parking area for parking purposes related to permissible activities within the public parks. Motor vehicles may be operated within the park areas of any of the Borough of Seven Fields municipal parks or publicly owned properties, or any other park area or publicly owned area of the Borough of Seven Fields, whether now existing or hereinafter created, for construction, emergency and maintenance purposes.

Section 2. Operation Permitted on Roadways Only.

All motor vehicles shall operate on the regularly designated roadway, and no such motor vehicle shall be operated on or through the area of any Borough parks or publicly owned land except on the park roadway open to the public.

Article V - Violations and Penalties

Section 1. Penalties for Violations.

Any person or persons who shall violate or fail, neglect or refuse to comply with any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than three hundred dollars (\$300) together with costs of prosecution, or to imprisonment in the county jail for a term not to exceed thirty (30) days, or both.

Each daily violation of any section of this provision shall constitute an individual violation of this section and be subject to the individual fine for violation as set forth in this Article.

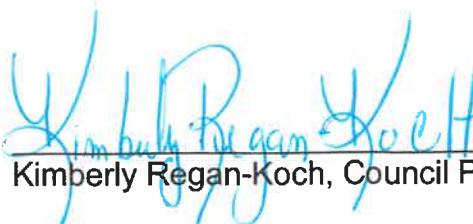
ORDAINED AND ENACTED INTO LAW by the Council of the Borough of Seven Fields this
10 day of February, 2020.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF SEVEN FIELDS



Thomas B. Smith, Borough Manager



Kimberly Regan-Koch, Council President