

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 274**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC  
CHAPTER OF THE CODE – PROHIBITING BUSES FROM  
OBSTRUCTING PUBLIC STREETS AND ALL VEHICLES  
FROM OBSTRUCTING CUL-DE-SACS**

**WHEREAS**, Section 1506 of the Second Class Township Code states: “The board of supervisors may make and adopt any ordinances, bylaws, rules and regulations not inconsistent with or restrained by the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth necessary for the proper management, care and control of the township and its finances and the maintenance of peace, good government, health and welfare of the township and its citizens, trade, commerce and manufacturers.”

**WHEREAS**, section 6109 of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code presumes the regulating or prohibiting of stopping, standing, or parking to be a reasonable exercise of police power by local authorities; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington Township has received numerous complaints over a significant period of time from the parking of buses and the like on public roadways; and

**WHEREAS**, the buses complained of are larger and bulkier than cars and other vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, the parking and long-term storage of buses and the like on public roadways has created growing problems within Washington Township by reducing the availability of daily parking for automobiles, obstructing traffic, interfering with the plowing of the roads in winter, obstructing the sightlines of drivers at intersections, and reducing public safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors finds it would be in the public interest of the Township and its citizens to expressly prohibit the parking and long-term storage of buses and the like on public roadways; and

**WHEREAS**, cul-de-sacs in Washington Township exist to enable vehicles, especially less maneuverable vehicles like snowplows and trash collection trucks, to safely turn around at the end of a road with no outlet; and

**WHEREAS**, vehicles parked at the turnabout end of a cul-de-sac frustrate the ability of traffic, especially snowplows, to safely turn around on a road with no outlet; and

**WHEREAS**, banning parking at the turnabout end of a cul-de-sac would increase public safety and facilitate the provision of public services, including road maintenance and snow removal, to such roads; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED** by the Board of Supervisors of Washington Township, Franklin County, Pennsylvania as follows:

**I.** Section 333-10(B) is added to Chapter 333 of the Washington Township Code as follows:

“B. Parking is prohibited for all vehicles at all times in the turnabout ends of cul-de-sacs in Washington Township. This prohibition does not otherwise affect parking along the roadway of no outlet streets leading up to the turnabout end of the cul-de-sac, which is governed by the rules and regulations set forth elsewhere in this Code.”

**II.** Section 333-11(A) of Chapter 333 of the Washington Township Code is amended to include the following definition:

“**BUS**

- (1) A school bus;
- (2) A motor vehicle designed to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver; or
- (3) A motor vehicle, other than a taxicab, limousine or personal vehicle as defined in 66 Pa. C.S. § 102, designed to transport not more than 15 passengers, including the driver, and used for the transportation of persons for compensation.

The term does not include a vehicle used in a ridesharing arrangement, as defined in the act of December 14, 1982 (P.L.1211, No.279), entitled "An act providing for ridesharing arrangements and providing that certain laws shall be inapplicable to ridesharing arrangements."

Section 333-11(C) of Chapter 333 of the Washington Township Code is amended as follows:

“C. No bus shall be parked on any public road within Washington Township. No trailer shall be parked on any public road within Washington Township, except tradesman's vehicles that are clearly marked with the tradesman's identity and which are temporarily parked during the actual performance of work at a premise nearby. A tradesman's vehicle may not be temporarily parked for longer than 12 hours.”

### **III. SEVERABILITY**

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any Court or competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed as a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such portion shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

**IV. REPEAL**

This ordinance repeals the portions of any and all other resolutions and ordinances which are inconsistent with the terms of this ordinance. Any and all such provisions not inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby continued in full force and effect and are hereby reaffirmed as to their adoption by the Board of Supervisors of the Township. It is the intention of said Board of Supervisors that only such provisions as this ordinance expressly amends shall be deemed repealed, and only changed provisions in this ordinance shall be deemed to be enacted from the effective date of this ordinance.

**V. ENACTMENT**

This ordinance shall take effect sixty (60) days after enactment.

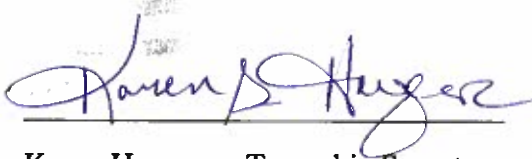
DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August 2020, by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Washington, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

ATTEST:

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

BY:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Karen Hargrave, Township Secretary



Chad Reichard, Chairman

