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GENERAL REFERENCES

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ARTICLE I
General Provisions

§ 123-1. Definitions and interpretation.

- A. Words and phrases, when used in this ordinance, except for sections or Articles to which different or additional definitions apply, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Vehicle Code, 75 Pa.C.S.A. § 101 et seq. (the Act of June 17, 1976, P.L. 162, No. 81), as

amended, except that in this chapter the word "street" may be used interchangeably with the word "highway" and shall have the same meaning as the word "highway" as defined in the Vehicle Code.

- B. The term "legal holidays," as used in this chapter, shall mean and include New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.
- C. In this chapter, the singular shall include the plural, the plural shall include the singular, and the masculine shall include the feminine.

§ 123-2. 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 Seven Valleys.

§ 123-3. Temporary and emergency regulations.

- A. The Mayor and Emergency Management Coordinator shall have the following powers to regulate traffic and parking temporarily and in time of emergency:
 - (1) In the case of fire, flood, storm or other emergency, to establish temporary traffic and/or parking regulations.
 - (2) In the case of emergency public works or public events of limited scope or duration, to restrict or prohibit traffic and/or parking in limited areas for periods of not more than 72 hours.
- B. These temporary and emergency regulations shall be enforced by the Mayor and the police in the same manner as permanent regulations. Any person who drives or parks a vehicle 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 chapter for a violation of such nature.

§ 123-4. Experimental regulations.

- A. The Borough Council may, from time to time, designate places upon and along the streets in the borough where, for a period of not more than 90 days, specific traffic and/or parking regulations, prohibitions and restrictions shall be in force and effect and shall designate those locations by proper signs and markings. Such regulations, prohibitions and restrictions shall be effective just as if they had been specified in this chapter. No person shall drive or park a vehicle 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 violates any provision of this section shall, upon conviction, be liable to the penalty set out in the law or elsewhere in this chapter for a violation of such nature.

- B. The purpose of this section is to allow for test and experimental determination of the feasibility and desirability of permanent changes in the ordinances of the borough relative to traffic and parking.

§ 123-5. Streets closed or restricted for construction, maintenance or special events.

- A. The Borough Council shall have authority to close any street or specific part of a street to vehicular traffic and to place barriers or station police officers at each end of the closed portion, while construction or maintenance work is under way or a special event is being conducted on the closed portion. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive a vehicle upon any such closed portion.
- B. The Borough Council shall have authority to establish a restricted traffic area upon any street where construction or maintenance work is under way and to station flagmen at each end of the restricted portion. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive a vehicle upon any such restricted traffic area at any time when the flagman is displaying a sign directing that vehicle to stop or is signaling that vehicle, by a flag or other device, not to proceed.

§ 123-6. Authority of police officers.

The police shall have authority to direct traffic on the streets in the borough, at intersections in public and in other places where the Vehicle Code or this chapter applies.

**ARTICLE II
Traffic Regulations**

§ 123-7. Speed limits.

The speed limit for both directions of traffic along the streets or parts thereof described in Schedule I (§ 123-37), attached to and made a part of this chapter, is hereby established at the rate of speed indicated in said schedule. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive a vehicle at a higher speed than the maximum prescribed for that street or part of a street.

§ 123-8. Traffic control signals.

Traffic control signals shall be installed and operated at the intersection of those streets described in Schedule II (§ 123-38), attached to and made a part of this chapter.

§ 123-9. Prohibited right turns on red signal.

No person shall make a right turn (or a left turn from a one-way street into another one-way street) when facing a steady red signal at any of the locations described in Schedule III (§ 123-39), attached to and made a part of this chapter.

§ 123-10. Prohibited turns at intersections.

It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to make a turn of the kind designated (left, right, all) at any of the intersections described in Schedule IV (§ 123-40), attached to and made a part of this chapter.

§ 123-11. U-turns.

It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to make a U-turn on any of the streets or parts of streets described in Schedule V (§ 123-41), attached to and made a part of this chapter.

§ 123-12. One-way streets.

The streets or parts of streets described in Schedule VI (§ 123-42), attached to and made a part of this chapter, are hereby designated as one-way streets in the direction indicated, and it shall be unlawful for any person to drive a vehicle on any one-way street other than in the direction established for traffic on that street.

§ 123-13. No-passing zones.

No-passing zones are hereby established along those streets or parts of streets described in Schedule VII (§ 123-43), attached to and made a part of this chapter, and it shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to overtake or pass another vehicle or to drive on the left side of the roadway in any no-passing zone described in said schedule.

§ 123-14. Through streets.

The streets or parts of streets described in Schedule VIII (§ 123-44), attached to and made a part of this chapter, are hereby established as through streets; and the driver of any vehicle, upon approaching any such street at any intersection thereof (except for such intersections where there are now or shall hereafter be located official traffic signals), shall come to a full stop or yield the right-of-way, as the case may be, before entering any such through street.

§ 123-15. Stop intersections.

The intersections described in Schedule IX (§ 123-45), attached to and made a part of this chapter (in addition to intersections with the through streets established by this chapter), are hereby established as stop intersections, and official stop signs shall be erected in such a position upon the first-named street as to face traffic approaching the second-named street in the direction or directions indicated in said schedule. Every driver of a vehicle approaching any such intersection upon the first-named street, in the direction or directions indicated in each case, shall come to a full stop before entering any such intersection.

§ 123-16. Yield intersections.

The intersections described in Schedule X (§ 123-46), attached to and made a part of this chapter (in addition to intersections with the through streets established by this chapter), are hereby established as yield intersections, and official yield signs shall be erected in such a position upon the first-named street as to face traffic approaching the second-named street in the direction or directions indicated. Every driver of a vehicle approaching any such intersection upon the first-named street, in the direction or directions indicated in each case, shall slow down or stop the vehicle and then yield the right-of-way to any vehicle in the intersection or approaching on the second-named street so closely as to constitute a hazard during the time that the driver is moving across or within such intersection.

§ 123-17. Closing of certain streets to certain vehicles.

It shall be unlawful for any person to drive any vehicle, except a passenger vehicle (but not including any passenger vehicle drawing any trailer or towing any other vehicle), upon any of the streets or parts of streets described in Schedule XI (§ 123-47), attached to and made a part of this chapter.

§ 123-18. Vehicle weight limits.

It shall be unlawful for any person to drive any commercial vehicle or other tractor, trailer or tractor-trailer combination, having a gross weight in excess of that respectively prescribed, upon any of the streets or bridges, or portions thereof, described in Schedule XII (§ 123-48), attached to and made a part of this chapter, except for the purpose of making local deliveries on said streets.

ARTICLE III
Parking Regulations

§ 123-19. Vehicles to be parked within marked spaces.

Wherever a space is marked off on any street for the parking of an individual vehicle, every vehicle parked there shall be parked wholly within the lines bounding that space, and it shall be a violation of this article for any person to park a vehicle or allow it to remain parked otherwise.

§ 123-20. Parking prohibited at all times.

No person shall park a vehicle at any time upon any of the streets or parts thereof described in Schedule XIII (§ 123-49), attached to and made a part of this chapter.

§ 123-21. Parking prohibited certain hours.

No person shall park a vehicle upon any of the streets or parts of streets described in Schedule XIV (§ 123-50), attached to and made a part of this chapter, during the hours specified in said schedule, on any day except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

§ 123-22. Time limit parking.

No person shall park a vehicle or allow the same to remain parked upon any of the streets or parts of streets described in Schedule XV (§ 123-51), attached to and made a part of this chapter, between the hours specified, for longer than the time indicated in said schedule.

§ 123-23. Special purpose parking zones.

It shall be unlawful for any person to park any vehicle or to allow the same to remain parked in any special purpose parking zone established in Schedule XVI (§ 123-52), attached to and made a part of this chapter, except as specifically provided for such zone.

§ 123-24. Penalties for parking violations.

Any person who violates any provision of this article shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of \$10 and costs or in default of payment to imprisonment not to exceed 10 days; provided, however, that it shall be the duty of the police officers and of parking enforcement personnel of the borough to report to the borough all violations of any provision of this article, indicating, in each case, the section violated, the license number of the vehicle involved in the violation, the location where the violation took place and any other facts that might be necessary in order to secure a clear understanding of the circumstances attending the violation. The police officer or other person making the report shall also attach to or place upon every such vehicle a notice stating that the vehicle was parked in violation of this article. The notice shall contain instructions to the owner or driver of the vehicle regarding the manner of payment of the fine.

ARTICLE IV**Removal and Impounding of Certain Vehicles****§ 123-25. Applicability and scope.**

This article is enacted under authority of Section 6109(a)(22) of the Vehicle Code and gives authority to the borough to remove and impound vehicles that are parked overtime on any street in the borough, or in metered and unmetered parking lots in the borough, in violation of any provision of this chapter.

§ 123-26. Authority to remove and impound.

The borough shall have authority to remove and impound or to order the removal and impounding of any vehicle parked overtime or otherwise illegally, provided that the circumstances of its parking were within the conditions stated in § 123-25 of this article and provided that no such vehicle shall be removed or impounded except in strict adherence to the provisions of this article.

§ 123-27. Designation of approved storage garages; bonding; towing and storage.

Removal and impounding of vehicles under this article shall be done only by approved storage garages that shall be designated from time to time by the Borough Council. Every such garage shall submit evidence to the Borough Council that it is bonded or has acquired liability insurance in an amount satisfactory to the Borough Council as sufficient to indemnify owners of impounded vehicles against loss or damage to those vehicles while in the custody of the garagekeeper for the purpose of towing or storage. The approved storage garage shall submit to the Borough Council its schedule of charges for towing and storage of vehicles under this article, and when the schedule is approved by the Borough Council, those charges shall be adhered to by the approved storage garage. No different schedule of charges shall be adopted without approval of the Borough Council, and no different charges shall be demanded of or collected from any person whose vehicle is removed or impounded under this article by any approved storage garage. The Borough Council shall delete from its list of approved storage garages any garage that makes any unapproved charge in connection with any vehicle removed or impounded under this article.

§ 123-28. Notification of removal and impounding.

Within 12 hours from the time of removal of any vehicle under authority granted by this article, notice of the fact that the vehicle was removed shall be sent by the borough to the owner of record of the vehicle. The notice shall designate the place from which the vehicle was removed, the reason for its removal and impounding and the garage in which it was impounded.

§ 123-29. Effect of payment of towing and storage charges.

The payment of any towing and storage charges authorized by this article shall, unless payment is made under protest, be final and conclusive and shall constitute a waiver of any right to recover the money so paid. If payment of any towing or storage charges is made under protest, the offender shall be entitled to a hearing before a District Justice. Payment of towing and storage charges shall not relieve the owner or driver of any vehicle from liability for any fine or penalty for the violation of the provision of this chapter for which the vehicle was removed or impounded.

§ 123-30. Records of vehicles removed and impounded.

The borough shall cause a record to be kept of all vehicles impounded under this article and shall be able at all reasonable times to furnish the owners or the agents of the owners of those vehicles with information as to the place of storage of the vehicle.

§ 123-31. Restrictions upon removal of vehicles.

No vehicle shall be removed under the authority of this article if, at the time of the intended removal, the owner or the person for the time being in charge of the vehicle is present and expresses a willingness and intention to remove the vehicle immediately.

ARTICLE V
Snow and Ice Emergencies

§ 123-32. Declaration of snow and ice emergency.

In order to facilitate the movement of traffic and to combat the hazards of snow and ice on the snow emergency routes named pursuant to this article, the Mayor, in his discretion, may declare a snow and ice emergency (designated in this article as a "snow emergency"). Information on the existence of a snow emergency may be given by the borough through radio, newspaper or other available media, and information on the termination of the emergency may be given by use of the same media.

§ 123-33. Parking and driving restrictions.

After any snow emergency is declared, it shall be unlawful, at any time during the continuance of the emergency, for any person:

- A. To park a motor vehicle or to allow that vehicle to remain parked anywhere on any snow emergency route designated pursuant to this article; or
- B. To drive any motor vehicle on any such snow emergency route unless that vehicle is equipped with snow tires or chains.

§ 123-34. Snow emergency routes.

The streets or parts of streets described in Schedule XVII (§ 123-53), attached to and made a part of this chapter, are hereby designated as snow emergency routes.

§ 123-35. Penalty for violation.

- A. If, at any time during a period of snow emergency declared under this article, a person shall park a motor vehicle or allow a motor vehicle to remain parked anywhere upon a snow emergency route, that person shall be guilty of a violation of this article and, upon conviction, shall be punishable as provided in § 123-24 of this chapter.
- B. If, at any time during a period of snow emergency declared under this article, a person shall drive a motor vehicle upon a snow emergency route without having that vehicle equipped with snow tires or chains, that person shall be guilty of a violation of this article and, upon conviction, shall be punishable as provided in § 123-36 of this chapter.

ARTICLE VI
Miscellaneous Provisions

§ 123-36. Violations and penalties.

Unless another penalty is expressly provided by the Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.A. § 101 et seq.) or except as herein specified, every person convicted of a violation of a provision of this

chapter, or any supplement thereto, shall be liable to a penalty of \$25 and costs of prosecution.

**ARTICLE VII
Schedules**

§ 123-37. Schedule I: Speed Limits.

In accordance with the provisions of § 123-7, speed limits are hereby established upon the following described streets or parts thereof:

Name of Street	Speed limit (mph)	Location
All borough alleys	15	Entire length
All borough streets	25	Entire length
Main Street (SR 214)	35	Entire length

§ 123-38. Schedule II: Traffic Control Signals.

In accordance with the provisions of § 123-8, traffic control signals shall be installed and operated at the following described intersections:

Intersection
(Reserved)

§ 123-39. Schedule III: Prohibited Right Turns on Red Signal.

In accordance with the provisions of § 123-9, no person shall make a right turn (or a left turn from a one-way street onto another one-way street) when facing a steady red signal at any of the locations described below:

Name of Street	Direction of Travel	Prohibited Right Turn on Red Signal Onto
	(Reserved)	

§ 123-40. Schedule IV: Prohibited Turns at Intersections.

In accordance with the provisions of § 123-10, no driver of any vehicle shall make a turn of the kind designated below at any of the following intersections:

Name of Street	Direction of Travel	Prohibited Turn Hours	At Intersection of
		(Reserved)	

§ 123-41. Schedule V: U-Turns.

In accordance with the provisions of § 123-11, no driver of any vehicle shall make a U-turn on any of the streets or parts thereof described below:

Name of Street	Location
	(Reserved)

§ 123-42. Schedule VI: One-Way Streets.

In accordance with the provisions of § 123-12, the following described streets or parts thereof are hereby designated as one-way streets in the direction indicated:

Name of Street	Direction of Travel	Limits
Cherry Street	West	From its beginning at North College Avenue to the railroad tracks

§ 123-43. Schedule VII: No-Passing Zones.

In accordance with the provisions of § 123-13, no-passing zones are hereby established upon the following described streets or parts thereof:

Name of Street	Direction of Travel	Limits
	(Reserved)	

§ 123-44. Schedule VIII: Through Streets.

In accordance with the provisions of § 123-14, the following described streets or parts thereof are hereby established as through streets:

Name of Street	Limits
Church Street	From Main Street to the East Borough Line
Main Street	From the North Borough Line to the South Borough Line

§ 123-45. Schedule IX: Stop Intersections.

In accordance with the provisions of § 123-15, the following described intersections are hereby established as stop intersections, and stop signs shall be installed as provided therein:

Stop Sign on	Direction of Travel	At Intersection of
Cherry Street	West	Main Street
Church Street	West	Main Street
College Avenue	South	Church Street
Cross Street	South	Church Street

Stop Sign on	Direction of Travel	At Intersection of
East Street	North	Church Street
East Street	West	Main Street
Maple Street	East	Main Street
Mulberry Street	North	Church Street
Park Street	North	Church Street
Shaffer Lane	North	Church Street
South Street	North	Maple Street
Union Church Road	North	Church Street

§ 123-46. Schedule X: Yield Intersections.

In accordance with the provisions of § 123-16, the following described intersections are hereby established as yield intersections, and yield signs shall be installed as follows:

Yield Sign on	Direction of Travel	At Intersection of
	(Reserved)	

§ 123-47. Schedule XI: Closing of Certain Streets to Certain Vehicles.

In accordance with the provisions of § 123-17, it shall be unlawful for any person to drive any vehicle, except a passenger vehicle (but not including any passenger vehicle drawing any trailer or towing any other vehicle), upon any of the streets or parts thereof described below:

Name of Street	Limits
	(Reserved)

§ 123-48. Schedule XII: Vehicle Weight Limits.

In accordance with the provisions of § 123-18, gross weight limits are hereby established as indicated for commercial vehicles or other tractor, trailer or tractor-trailer combinations, upon the streets, bridges or portions thereof described below, except for the purpose of making local deliveries on said streets, bridges or portions thereof:

Name of Street or Bridge	Max. Gross Weight (pounds)	Location
	(Reserved)	

§ 123-49. Schedule XIII: Parking Prohibited at All Times.

In accordance with the provisions of § 123-20, no person shall park a vehicle at any time upon any of the following described streets or parts thereof:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Cherry Street	Both	From the dead end to the railroad tracks to Main Street, except directly in front of 15 Cherry Street
Church Street	North	From the east side of 57 Church Street to College Avenue
Church Street	North	From the east side of 97 Church Street the borough line
Church Street	South	From Main Street east to the borough line
College Avenue [Added 2-6-2006 by Ord. No. 2006-1]	East	From a point 125 feet north of Church Street to the end
College Avenue [Amended 2-6-2006 by Ord. No. 2006-1]	West	Entire length
Maple Street [Added 9-8-2020 by Ord. No. 2020-1]	North	From a point 300 feet west of Main Street to the Borough line
Maple Street	South	From Main Street to the borough line
North Main Street	East	From Cherry Street north to borough line
South Main Street	East	For a distance 70 feet north of the intersection with East Street

§ 123-50. Schedule XIV: Parking Prohibited Certain Hours.

In accordance with the provisions of § 123-21, no person shall park a vehicle between the hours specified below of any day, except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, upon any of the streets or parts thereof described below:

Name of Street	Side	Hours/Days	Location
(Reserved)			

§ 123-51. Schedule XV: Time Limit Parking.

In accordance with the provisions of § 123-22, no person shall park a vehicle or allow the same to remain parked upon any of the streets or parts thereof described below, between the hours specified, for longer than the time indicated below:

Name of Street	Side	Time Limit; Hours/ Days	Location
College Avenue [Added 2-6-2006 by Ord. No. 2006-1]	East	15 minutes; 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m./Monday through Friday, and 7:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday; parking permitted for unlimited time during other hours Monday through Saturday and anytime Sunday	From Church Street to a point 125 feet north of Church Street

§ 123-52. Schedule XVI: Special Purpose Parking Zones.

In accordance with the provisions of § 123-23, the following are hereby established as special purpose parking zones:

Name of Street	Side	Authorized Purpose or Vehicle	Location
(Reserved)			

§ 123-53. Schedule XVII: Snow Emergency Routes.

In accordance with the provisions of § 123-34, the following streets or parts thereof are hereby designated as snow emergency routes:

Name of Street	Limits
(Reserved)	

**ARTICLE VIII
Handicapped Parking
[Adopted 10-7-2002 by Ord. No. 2002-2]**

§ 123-54. Word usage.

Words and phrases used in this article shall have the meanings and interpretations, for purposes of this article, ascribed to them in the Vehicle Code of Pennsylvania,¹ as now in force or as hereafter amended, enacted or reenacted, except in those instances where the context clearly indicates a different meaning. The singular shall include the plural and the masculine shall include the feminine.

¹ Editor's Note: See 75 Pa.C.S.A. § 101 et seq.

§ 123-55. Request for handicapped parking space.

- A. Any resident desiring to have a handicapped parking place reserved on any street within the Borough of Seven Valleys shall submit the following to the Seven Valleys Borough Council:
- (1) A written request for the same;
 - (2) Either of the following:
 - (a) Proof of the issuance of, and the registration number of, the handicapped or severely disabled veteran license plate assigned by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to the person for whom the handicapped parking place is requested to be reserved; or
 - (b) Proof of the issuance of, and the registration number of, the handicapped or severely disabled veteran placard assigned by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to the person for whom the handicapped parking place is requested to be reserved, together with medical or other confirmation of the physical impairment for which the placard had been issued; and
 - (3) The application fee, if the amount for the same has been set by resolution.
- B. Upon receipt of the foregoing, the Seven Valleys Borough Council may, at its discretion, proceed with obtaining a traffic and engineering study regarding the requested handicapped parking place.

§ 123-56. Application fee.

An application fee is hereby established and must be paid to the Borough upon submitting the aforesaid written request. The amount of the application fee may be set from time to time by resolution of the Seven Valleys Borough Council as it may deem appropriate. Upon such fee being set by resolution, no request hereunder will be considered until the same is paid in full.

§ 123-57. Approval of request; placement of signs.

If the request is granted following receipt of a favorable traffic and engineering study for the same, a handicapped parking place shall be reserved by resolution duly adopted by the Seven Valleys Borough Council at the location approved. The appropriate sign shall thereupon be posted at that location.

§ 123-58. Parking without placard prohibited.

Parking of any vehicle not lawfully bearing a handicapped or severely disabled veteran registration plate or displaying a handicapped or severely disabled veteran parking placard when such vehicle is being operated by or for the transportation of a handicapped person or a severely disabled veteran shall be prohibited at all times in any handicapped parking place reserved by resolution in accordance with the foregoing, and no parking is or shall be allowed at any such handicapped parking place by others.

§ 123-59. Violations and penalties.

Any person violating the provisions of this article shall, upon summary conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$200, plus costs of prosecution, together with any other fine separately imposed under the Vehicle Code, provided that the total of such fines shall not exceed \$600.