

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Borough of Chambersburg, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed Ordinance and consider for adoption and to vote upon an enactment of the Ordinance summarized below, at the regularly scheduled Chambersburg Town Council Meeting on February 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Borough Office, 100 South 2nd Street, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania 17201.

The title of the proposed Ordinance is **AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF CHAMBERSBURG, FRANKLIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REPEALING CHAPTER 274; AMENDING CHAPTER 300 REGARDING THE STORAGE, PARKING, USE, AND OCCUPANCY OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES.**

The contents of the Ordinance are summarized as follows:

SECTION 1: Chapter 274 of the Code, entitled “Trailer Coaches” shall be repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 2: Section 300-7 of the Code, entitled “Definitions” shall be amended to add the definition of Recreational Vehicle and Vehicle.

SECTION 3: Section 300-7 of the Code, entitled “Definitions” shall be amended to modify the definition of Trailer.

SECTION 4: Section 300-76 of the Code, entitled “General Parking Regulations” shall be amended to add a subsection E to prohibit the use of Recreational Vehicles as a dwelling place, living abode, or sleeping space while parked or stored on any lot.

SECTION 5: Repealer.

SECTION 6: Savings Clause.

SECTION 7: Severability.

SECTION 8: Effective Date.

The full text of the proposed Ordinance may be examined without charge at the Office of the Chambersburg Borough Manager, 100 South 2nd Street, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania 17201, during regular business hours, which are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A copy will be provided upon request without charge. A copy of the proposed Ordinance has been filed at the Franklin County Law Library, 100 Lincoln Way East, Suite E, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania 17201, and is available for inspection during normal business hours.

Samuel E. Wiser, Jr., Solicitor
Salzmann Hughes, P.C.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2023- _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF CHAMBERSBURG, FRANKLIN COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA, REPEALING CHAPTER 274; AMENDING CHAPTER 300
REGARDING THE STORAGE, PARKING, USE, AND OCCUPANCY OF RECREATIONAL
VEHICLES

WHEREAS, the Borough Code, 8 Pa. C.S. § 101, *et seq.*, at Section 1202(5) authorizes a borough to make regulations as may be necessary for the health, morals, general welfare, cleanliness, convenience, comfort, and safety of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Section 1203 of the Borough Code authorizes a Borough to make and adopt all ordinances, bylaws, rules and regulations not inconsistent with or restrained by the Constitution of Pennsylvania and laws of the Commonwealth as may be expedient or necessary for the proper management, care and control of the borough and the maintenance of safety and welfare of the borough and its trade and commerce; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Chambersburg (“Borough”) has adopted certain regulations in the Code of the Borough of Chambersburg (the “Code”) regulating the lawful storage, parking, use, and occupancy of trailer coaches and the permissible storage and/or parking of trailers in particular zoning districts; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined it to be in the best interests of the residents of the Borough of Chambersburg to repeal Chapter 274 (a stand-alone ordinance adopted in 1942) and regulate the storage, parking, use and occupancy of trailers and trailer coaches in the Borough Zoning Ordinance in the manner set forth below.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Town Council of the Borough of Chambersburg, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, and it is enacted and ordained as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 274 of the Code of the Borough of Chambersburg, entitled “Trailer Coaches” is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 2. Chapter 300, Article I, Section 300-7 of the Code of the Borough of Chambersburg, entitled “Definitions” is hereby amended to add the following definitions in the appropriate alphabetical order:

“Recreational Vehicle” – shall include a house coach, house trailer, motor home, recreational trailer, truck camper, (all as defined in the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code) or any other vehicle designed or intended as a dwelling place, living abode, or sleeping space.

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“Vehicle” - Every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway, except devices used exclusively upon rails or tracks. The term does not include a self-propelled wheelchair or an electrical mobility device operated by and designed for the exclusive use of a person with a mobility-related disability.

SECTION 3. Chapter 300, Section 300-7 of the Code of the Borough of Chambersburg, entitled “Definitions” is hereby amended by modifying the definition of “Trailer” as follows:

“Trailer” - A vehicle designed to be towed by a motor vehicle.

SECTION 4. Chapter 300, Article XIII, Section 300-76 of the Code of the Borough of Chambersburg, entitled “General Parking Regulations” is hereby amended by adding a subsection E to read as follows:

E. Recreational Vehicles shall not be used as a dwelling place, living abode, or sleeping place while parked or stored on any lot.

SECTION 5. Repealer. All provisions of the previous ordinances of the Borough of Chambersburg, which are contrary to this ordinance, are expressly repealed.

SECTION 6. Savings Clause. In all other respects, the ordinances of the Borough of Chambersburg shall remain as previously enacted and ordained.

SECTION 7. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if any of its sections, clauses, or sentences shall be held illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional, such provision shall not affect or impair any remaining sections, clauses, or sentences of the same.

SECTION 8. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ENACTED, ORDAINED, AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Allen B. Coffman
President of Town Council

ATTEST:

Cindy Harr
Assistant Secretary of
Town Council

Kenneth Hock
Mayor