BOROUGH OF RIVERSIDE,
NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE # 2 OF 2026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERSIDE, NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REGULATING THE PARKING OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES UPON PUBLIC STREETS LOCATED WITHIN RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS OF THE BOROUGH; PROVIDING FOR LIMITED EXCEPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES; AND PROVIDING FOR REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Riverside has determined that the parking of commercial vehicles upon public streets located within Residential Zoning Districts of the Borough, including public streets forming the boundary of Residential Zoning Districts, may obstruct motorists' visibility, interfere with the safe and efficient movement of vehicular traffic, impede emergency response vehicles, and otherwise create conditions detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Council further finds that prolonged parking of commercial vehicles within residential neighborhoods may adversely affect the public health, safety, and welfare and diminish the residential character of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes that commercial vehicles must, from time to time, utilize Borough streets in order to make deliveries, provide services, perform construction activities, and conduct other lawful business activities; and

WHEREAS, the Council therefore finds that it is in the best interest of the Borough and its residents to establish reasonable regulations governing the parking of commercial vehicles upon public streets within the Residential Zoning Districts while permitting limited temporary parking when reasonably necessary for such purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of Riverside, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the authority of the same as follows:

PART I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 101. Short Title.

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "Commercial Vehicle Parking Ordinance of the Borough of Riverside."

Section 102. Purpose.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to promote the public health, safety, and welfare by regulating the parking of commercial vehicles upon public streets within the Residential Zoning Districts of the Borough. Specifically, this Ordinance is intended to:

(a) Promote the safe and orderly movement of vehicular traffic;
(b) Improve visibility for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists;
(c) Ensure adequate access for emergency vehicles and public safety personnel;
(d) Preserve the residential character of Borough neighborhoods;
(e) Reduce traffic hazards associated with the prolonged parking of commercial vehicles upon public streets; and
(f) Establish reasonable exceptions allowing commercial vehicles to park temporarily when necessary for deliveries, construction, utility work, municipal operations, emergency services, and other authorized purposes.

Section 103. Authority.

This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the authority granted to the Borough under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to regulate traffic and parking upon public streets and to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

Section 104. Definitions.

For purposes of this Ordinance, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings set forth below unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Borough" shall mean the Borough of Riverside, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.

"Commercial Vehicle" shall mean any motor vehicle designed, maintained, or used primarily for the transportation of goods, equipment, materials, merchandise, or passengers in connection with a business, trade, profession, or commercial enterprise. The term includes, but is not limited to:

(a) truck tractors;
(b) tractor-trailers;
(c) semitrailers;
(d) tandem trucks;
(e) dump trucks;
(f) box trucks;
(g) flatbed trucks;
(h) stake-body trucks;
(i) cargo-moving vehicles;
(j) tow trucks;
(k) construction vehicles; and
(l) any truck having a cargo body exceeding sixteen (16) feet in length.

The term "Commercial Vehicle" shall not include a pickup truck having a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less that is customarily used as the owner's personal transportation, notwithstanding that it may bear commercial lettering or carry tools or equipment.

"Construction Vehicle" shall mean any motor vehicle, truck, trailer, equipment, or machinery used in connection with construction, excavation, demolition, utility work, paving, or similar activities.

"Construction or Contractor Trailer" shall mean any trailer, whether enclosed or unenclosed, designed or used in connection with construction, renovation, demolition, excavation, utility work, or similar activities for the temporary storage of tools, equipment, building materials, or supplies, or for use as a temporary field office.

"Emergency Vehicle" shall mean any emergency vehicle as defined in the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, 75 Pa.C.S. § 102, as amended.

"Highway" shall mean every public street, road, avenue, alley, lane, boulevard, court, cul-de-sac, bridge, or public right-of-way within the Borough that is open to public vehicular travel.

"Park," "Parking," or "Parked" shall mean the standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or unoccupied, upon any highway or street, except when temporarily stopped solely for the purpose of and while actively engaged in loading or unloading passengers or property, or when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the direction of a police officer or traffic-control device.

"Person" shall mean any individual, partnership, association, corporation, limited liability company, trust, estate, governmental entity, or other legal entity.

"Residential Zoning District" shall mean any zoning district designated for residential use under the Riverside Borough Zoning Ordinance, as amended, and as shown on the Official Zoning Map of the Borough.

"Trailer" shall mean a vehicle designed to be towed by a motor vehicle, whether or not carrying cargo, equipment, or materials.

"Truck Tractor" shall mean a motor vehicle designed and used primarily for drawing other vehicles and not constructed to carry a load other than part of the weight of the vehicle being drawn.

Section 105. Applicability.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply only to public streets, highways, alleys, and public rights-of-way located within a Residential Zoning District or forming the boundary of a Residential Zoning District, as identified on the Official Zoning Map of the Borough, unless otherwise expressly provided herein.

PART II

PARKING OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES IN RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS

Section 201. Parking of Commercial Vehicles Prohibited.

Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Ordinance, no person shall park, stand, or permit to remain parked any Commercial Vehicle upon any public street, highway, alley, or public right-of-way located within a Residential Zoning District or forming the boundary of a Residential Zoning District, as shown on the Official Zoning Map of the Borough.

Nothing contained herein shall prohibit the lawful operation of Commercial Vehicles upon Borough streets while traveling to or from destinations within or through the Borough.

Section 202. Exceptions.

The restrictions set forth in Section 201 shall not apply under the following circumstances:

(a) **Deliveries and Service Calls**. Commercial Vehicle may lawfully park upon a public street located within a Residential Zoning District or forming the boundary of a Residential Zoning District during the normal course of business for the purpose of delivering or picking up merchandise, materials, equipment, or goods, or while rendering construction, maintenance, repair, utility, or other commercial services, provided that:

(i) The vehicle does not unreasonably obstruct or impede the safe flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic;

(ii) The vehicle is lawfully parked to the greatest extent practicable; and

(iii) The vehicle is removed promptly upon completion of the delivery, pickup, or service.

(b) **Construction, Utility, and Maintenance Activities**. Commercial Vehicles, including Construction or Contractor Trailers, may park upon a public street located within a Residential Zoning District or forming the boundary of a Residential Zoning District while actively engaged in construction, excavation, demolition, paving, maintenance, utility work, or similar activities during the normal course of business, provided all permits required by law have been obtained.

(c) **Borough and Municipal Vehicles**. Vehicles owned, leased, or operated by the Borough or any municipal authority while performing official governmental duties.

(d) **Emergency Vehicles**. Emergency Vehicles while performing official emergency services or other governmental functions.

(e) **Public Utility Vehicles**. Commercial Vehicles owned or operated by a public

utility or utility contractor while actively engaged in the installation, maintenance, repair, inspection, or restoration of utility facilities or services.

Section 203. Prohibited Use of Public Streets for Commercial Vehicle Storage.

No person shall use any public street, highway, alley, or public right-of-way located within or immediately adjacent to a Residential Zoning District for the purpose of storing or leaving unattended a Commercial Vehicle when the vehicle is not actively engaged in an activity authorized by this Ordinance.

For purposes of this Section, the routine parking of a Commercial Vehicle on a public street between work shifts, overnight, on weekends, or during periods when the vehicle is not actively engaged in business operations shall constitute storage.

PART III

ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

Section 301. Enforcement.

This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Riverside Borough Police Department. Any Borough police officer is authorized to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance and to issue notices of violation and citations as provided herein and by applicable law.

Section 302. Penalty for Violations.

Any person who violates any provision of Part II of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction before a Magisterial District Judge, be guilty of a summary offense and shall be sentenced to pay the following fines, together with all court costs and costs of prosecution authorized by law:

(a) Fifty Dollars ($50.00) for a first violation;
(b) One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) for a second violation; and
(c) One Hundred Fifty Dollars ($150.00) for a third and each subsequent violation.

Section 303. Notice of Violation.

Whenever a Borough police officer determines that a Commercial Vehicle has been parked in violation of this Ordinance, the officer may issue a Notice of Violation by affixing the notice to the Commercial Vehicle or by delivering the notice to the owner or operator of the vehicle.

The Notice of Violation shall state, at a minimum:

(a) The date, time, and location of the violation;
(b) The nature of the violation;
(c) The registration number or other identifying information of the Commercial Vehicle;

(d) The amount of the applicable fine; and
(e) Instructions for payment of the fine.

If the applicable fine is paid to the Borough within forty-eight (48) hours after issuance of the Notice of Violation, no citation shall be filed for that violation, and the matter shall be deemed resolved.

If the applicable fine is not paid within forty-eight (48) hours, the Borough Police Department may initiate a summary proceeding by filing a citation before the appropriate Magisterial District Judge seeking the applicable fine, court costs, costs of prosecution, and such other relief as may be authorized by law.

Section 304. Continuing Violations.
Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense and shall be subject to the penalties set forth in this Part.

Section 305. Removal of Vehicle.

Nothing contained in this Ordinance shall be construed to limit the authority of the Riverside Borough Police Department to remove or cause the removal of a Commercial Vehicle when such removal is authorized by the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code or other applicable law.

PART IV

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 401. Repealer.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 402. Severability.

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this Ordinance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional, such determination shall not affect or impair the validity of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent of the Borough Council that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional provision not been included herein.

Section 403. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after enactment by the Borough Council of the Borough of Riverside, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled, or as otherwise provided by law.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 6th day of July, 2026, by the Council of the Borough of Riverside, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.

BOROUGH OF RIVERSIDE

By: _____
STEVEN WAGNER,

PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

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LISA FRITZ, SECRETARY