

ORDINANCE NO. 08-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING TOW-AWAY ZONES WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM AND AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL AND IMPOUNDING OF VEHICLES PARKED IN VIOLATION OF THE TOW-AWAY ZONES, AS ESTABLISHED BY SECTION 250-25 ET SEQ OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, PROVIDING FOR THE FIXING OF TOWING AND STORAGE CHARGES, IMPOSING LIABILITY ON OWNERS OF ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLES FOR SAID TOWING AND STORAGE CHARGES AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO 84-4 AND RESOLUTION 81-11 AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Tarentum desires to establish tow-away zones within the Borough for the purpose of removing illegally parked vehicles; and

WHEREAS, such tow-away zones shall be designated by signs or, where appropriate, yellow curb lines; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Tarentum, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, desires to provide for the towing and impounding of any vehicles parked in violation of any provisions of the law, or any Ordinance of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Council of the Borough of Tarentum desires to repeal Ordinance No.84-4 and Resolution No. 81-11 in their entirety, in that they deal with the same herein subject matter.

WHEREFORE, Be it Ordained and Enacted by the Council of the Borough of Tarentum, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by authority of the same.

SECTION I. The Council of the Borough of Tarentum does hereby designate the following areas within the Borough of Tarentum as tow-away zones:

- A) West and East sides of Corbet Street, from Fourth Avenue to Fifth Avenue;
- B) Gummert Alley, from Henry Street to South Ormond Street; and
- C) All emergency areas specifically, but not limited to the following:
 - (1) All areas in front of, and immediately adjacent to, fire company and ambulance

facilities; and

- (2) All areas in front of, and immediately adjacent to, the Professional Center on Fourth Avenue.

- D) Section 250-25 et seq of the code of the Borough of Tarentum

SECTION II. The Council of the Borough of Tarentum, does hereby reserve the right to designate additional tow-away zones and change or alter existing zones, as the need for such zones arises.

SECTION III. The Chief of Police, or his designated representative or representatives, is hereby authorized to remove and impound or to order the removal and impounding of any vehicle parked in violation of the tow-away zones, as established in this Ordinance.

SECTION IV. The following are hereby designated as the only approved facility for the towing and storage of such impounded vehicles:

Terry's Service
962 9th Avenue
Brackenridge, PA 15014

And

151 West 4th Avenue
Tarentum, PA 15084

SECTION V. The above-named facility shall provide a liability insurance policy in the amount of FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$500,000.00), a copy of which is to be filed with the Borough Manager, for the purpose of indemnifying the owner of any such impounded vehicle against any loss thereof, or injury or damage thereto, while in the custody of said facilities.

SECTION VI. The Council of the Borough of Tarentum shall from time to time fix and establish charges due and payable from the owner or owners of impounded vehicles for towing and storage. Such impounded vehicle shall not be released from the control of the storage facility until payment of the above charges has been made in full. Said payment is to be made at the Tarentum Borough Building desk during normal business hours. The check is to be made payable to the Borough of Tarentum.

SECTION VII. Within twelve (12) hours from the time of removal of any vehicle under authority granted by this Ordinance, the Chief of Police, or his designated representative, shall notify by telephone the owner of record of said vehicle that said vehicle has been impounded. Such notice shall designate the place from which said vehicle was removed, the time it was removed, the reason for its removal and impounding and the facility where said vehicle is being stored. A written notice, setting forth the information above, shall be forwarded, by certified mail, by the Chief of Police, or his designated representative, within twenty-four (24) hours of said removal, to the owner of record of said vehicle.

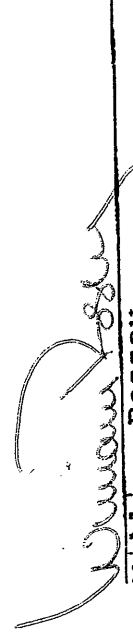
SECTION VIII. The Chief of Police shall keep a record of all vehicles impounded.

SECTION IX. The payment of towing and storage charges shall not relieve the owner or operator of any vehicle from liability for any fine or penalty for the violation of any law or ordinance, the violation of which caused removal and impounding.

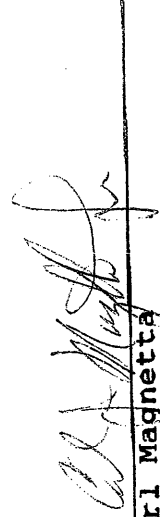
SECTION X. Ordinance No. 84-4 and Resolution No. 81-11 and all other ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed in their entirety.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into law this 21st day of April, 2008.

ATTEST:


William Rossey,
Tarentum Borough Manager

BOROUGH OF TARENTUM


Carl Magnetta
President of Council

EXAMINED AND APPROVED this 21st day of April, 2008.


James E. Wolfe,
Mayor