



BOROUGH OF TARENTUM

Allegheny County, Pennsylvania

ORDINANCE #25-03



AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF TARENTUM, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE 98-7 AND ORDINANCE 06-01 TO INCLUDE TOWING PROVISIONS FOR PARKING VIOLATIONS UNDER CHAPTER 250-27.1 OF THE BOROUGH CODE.

WHEREAS, The Council of the Borough of Tarentum has determined the need to update Chapter 250-27.1 of the Borough Code to address circumstances requiring the removal of vehicles in violation of the Borough's parking regulations; and

WHEREAS, The Council seeks to preserve public safety and ensure the efficient flow of traffic while providing clarity regarding towing enforcement procedures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Council of the Borough of Tarentum as follows:

SECTION 1: Amendment to Chapter 250-27.1

Ordinance 98-7 and Ordinance 06-01 are hereby amended to include the following provisions under Chapter 250-27.1 of the Borough Code:

Subsection E: Towing Authority

1. Authority to Tow

Any vehicle found in violation of the parking regulations outlined in Chapter 250-27.1, subsections A through D, may be towed at the discretion of the Borough Police or other designated enforcement personnel if:

- a. The vehicle is obstructing traffic or access to public or private property, including driveways or garages.
- b. The vehicle is parked in a manner that poses a public safety hazard, such as blocking a fire hydrant, bus stop, crosswalk, or intersection.
- c. The vehicle is parked in a handicapped zone without proper authorization.
- d. The vehicle is parked in a designated no-parking or tow-away zone, as indicated by signage.
- e. The vehicle remains in violation for more than 24 hours after a citation has been issued.

2. Notice Requirement

- a. For non-emergency violations, reasonable efforts shall be made to notify the vehicle owner before towing.
- b. In cases of immediate hazard, obstruction, or public safety concerns, towing may occur without prior notice.
- c. The owner shall be notified in accordance with Chapter 250-13 of the Borough Code.

3. Towing and Storage Costs

The towing and storage costs are set forth in Chapter 250-12 of the Borough Code.



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4. Approved Towing and Storage Facility

The approved towing and storage facility is set forth in Chapter 250-10 of the Borough Code.

5. Liability Insurance

The requirements of the liability insurance are set forth in Chapter 250-11 of the Borough Code.

6. Impoundment of Vehicle

The record of the impounded vehicles shall be in accordance with Chapter 250-14 of the Borough Code.

7. Signage Requirement

Tow-away zones shall be clearly marked with appropriate signage indicating that vehicles in violation will be towed at the owner's expense.

8. 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 Magisterial District Judge. 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.

9. Authority Under the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code

This Part is enacted under the authority of § 6109(a)(22) of the Vehicle Code, 75 Pa.C.S.A. § 6109(a)(22), and gives authority to the Borough to remove and impound those vehicles that are parked in a tow-away zone and in violation of parking regulations of this chapter. Vehicles which have been abandoned (as defined by the Vehicle Code) or which are parked in such a manner as to interfere with traffic or pose a hazard to others may be towed under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code.

SECTION 2: Severability

If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be declared invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 3: Repealer

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4: Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Ordinance is duly Ordained and Enacted by the Council of the Borough of Tarentum at a public meeting held this 11th day of March 2025.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF TARENTUM

Dwight D. Boddorf, Borough Manager

Scott Dadowski, President of Council

EXAMINED AND APPROVED by me this 11th day of March 2025.

Eric Dee, Esq., Solicitor

Bob Lang, Mayor