

MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE  
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE #2365

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE, PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ENFORCEMENT OF FIRE LANES AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NOS. 713, 1812 AND 1935.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained and enacted by the Council of the Municipality of Monroeville, and it is hereby ordained and enacted as follows:

Section 1. Purpose of Ordinance

It is the intent, purpose and scope of this ordinance to provide for the designation of fire lanes, fire equipment access pads, or fire access cartways wherever it appears that parking or vehicle traffic congestion may create a hazard by impeding the free movement of fire fighting equipment, ambulances, or public emergency response vehicles, anywhere within the Municipality of Monroeville, on public or private property.

Section 2. Definitions

For the purpose of this ordinance the following terms are defines:

MUNICIPAL MANAGER

Executive Officer for the Municipality of Monroeville

POLICE CHIEF

Chief of Police for the Municipality of Monroeville

FIRE OFFICIAL

Fire Official shall mean the appointed individual responsible for enforcement of the International Fire Code adopted by the Municipality of Monroeville.

FIRE SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Fire Safety Advisory Committee shall mean the individual Chief of Monroeville Fire Departments 1; 3; 4; 5; & 6.

FIRE LANE

Fire Lane shall mean a driving lane, cartway, access way, paved pad having a minimum width of twenty (20) feet and minimum inside turning radius of fifteen (15') for the use of emergency fire vehicles in order to locate within a minimum of ten (10') feet to structure.

FIRE EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT

Fire Emergency Equipment shall mean all vehicles designated as being operated by the Municipality of Monroeville, Fire Departments or Police Department.

STOPPING

No Stopping shall mean all vehicles that cease to go on or cease moving, except momentarily stopped for the purpose of, and while actually engaged in, loading or unloading property or passengers or merchandise, within a fire lane.

STANDING

No Standing shall mean all vehicles remaining stationary or unchanged in position, with or without an operator or occupant, within the fire lane.

PARKING

No Parking shall mean all vehicles standing for a time within a fire lane.

FIRE PROTECTION DEVICES

All permanently installed fire protection devices, equipment or apertures shall mean items such a fire hydrants, fire department Siamese connections, fire pump wall headers, pressurization ventilation in-takes, post indicator valves, back flow prevention valves, etc.

Section 3. Fire Lane Marking and Identification

Fire lanes shall be clearly marked and identified as follows:

SIGNAGE

A metal sign stating "No Stopping, Standing, or Parking – Fire Lane", located at each end of the designated fire lane and at reasonable intervals between such signs as approved by the Fire Official.

#### Section 4. Designation of Fire Lanes

The Fire Official shall have the power to designate fire lanes anywhere within the Municipality of Monroeville, on Public or Private property where it is deemed that stopping, standing or parking or potential parking may create a hazard by impeding the free movement of fire fighting equipment. The Fire Official may consult the Fire Safety Advisory Committee or any other Municipal agency or consultant in making such designation.

#### Section 5. Fire Lane Designation for Fire Protection Devices & Areas

All permanently installed fire fighting equipment, devices, or apertures shall be designated as fire lanes with or without fire lane signage:

- (a) All fire hydrants – 15 feet on either side of the hydrant on public or private property, paralleling the street or cartway, or paved vehicular surface is hereby deemed as fire lane.
- (b) Vehicle parking near or on private commercial sidewalks adjacent to marked designated fire lanes are hereby deemed as fire lanes.
- (c) All commercial entrance driveways or access ways blocking the free movement of emergency vehicles and fire fighting apparatus shall be deemed as fire lanes whether marked or unmarked.

#### Section 6. Fire Lane and Curb Radius Dimensions

The dimensions of a designated fire lane shall be as follows:

- (a) Minimum width of twenty (20) clear feet.
- (b) Maximum grade of two percent (2%) inclination curb to curb.
- (c) Paving should be approved by the Municipal Engineer and curb radius shall be a minimum of fifteen (15) feet for each ninety (90) degree angle to permit fire fighting apparatus to safely turn into the designated fire lane.
- (d) Curb radius shall be a minimum inside radius of fifteen (15) feet for each ninety (90) degree angle to permit fire fighting apparatuses to safely turn into the designated fire lane.

### Section 7. Maintenance of Fire Lane Markings

It shall be the responsibility of the property owner or lessee to maintain such signage as specified in this Ordinance in Section 3.

The Municipality shall maintain all such signage on public property as specified in this ordinance per Section 3.

### Section 8. Enforcement

The Police Chief shall prescribe and issue all forms necessary for the administration of this ordinance and may adopt and enforce regulations relating to any matter pertaining to the administration of this ordinance including but not limited to the inspection and collection of fines for violations. The Police Chief, with approval of the Municipal Manager, may designate the Fire Enforcement Office, Municipal Police, Municipal Fire Departments, or other persons to enforce this ordinance, either singly or in conjunction with each other.

### Section 9. Penalties for Violations

Any car owner who parks or permits a car to be parked within a designated fire zone shall be prosecuted by the Police Chief. A fine of \$35.00 shall be imposed for each violation and shall be collected by the Police Chief by a ticketing procedure whereby the fine may be paid at the Municipal Building. If payment is made at the Municipal Building within 48 hours of the issuance of a ticket, the fine shall be \$20.00. If the fine is not paid within ten (10) days of the date of the issuance of the ticket, the Police Chief shall further prosecute the violator before a District Justice. If such further prosecution is necessary, the violator, if found guilty, shall pay a fine of \$35.00 plus costs imposed by the District Justice. In default of payment, the violator may be sentenced to imprisonment in the Allegheny County Jail for not more than (30) days.

### Section 10. Repealer

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as they may be inconsistent herewith.

### Section 11. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect upon its enactment.

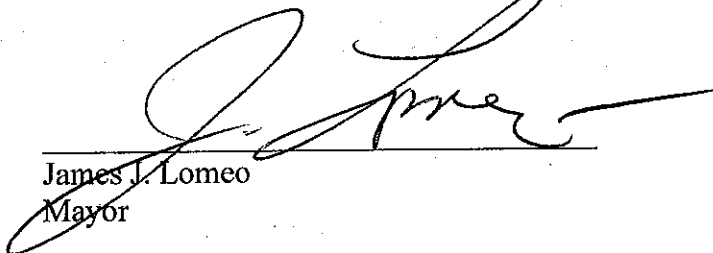
ORDAINED AND ENACTED into Law this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2006.

ATTEST:

MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE



Marshall W. Bond  
Municipal Manager



James J. Lomeo  
Mayor

ENTERED INTO LEGAL BOOK: April 21, 2006