

TEMPORARY ORDINANCE NO. 42-25

PERMANENT ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL PART ELEVEN – PLANNING AND ZONING CODE, TITLE THREE – ZONING AND PROPERTY RESTRICTIONS, CHAPTER 1143 – PARKING, LOADING SPACES, ACCESS AND VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIVITY, SECTION 1143.13 – PARKING OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Lancaster previously enacted a complete Zoning Code update in 2023; and

WHEREAS, since that time, enforcing Part Three – Traffic Code, Title Seven – Parking, Chapter 351 – Parking Generally, Section 351.16, which was enacted in 1975, has become difficult due to the perceived conflict between it and Part Eleven – Planning and Zoning Code, Title Three – Zoning and Property Restrictions, Chapter 1143 – Parking, Loading Spaces, Access and Vehicular and Pedestrian Connectivity, Section 1143.13 – Parking of Commercial Vehicles in Residential Districts; and

WHEREAS, Section 1143.13 prohibits vehicles “weighing more than eight thousand (8,000) pounds” from being “parked, stored, or allowed on any lot or parcel of land or on the street in any residential District”; and

WHEREAS, due to a known public safety issue, and for the sake of clarity, the Law Committee has recommended repealing LCO Section 1143.13 to allow the Lancaster Police Department to enforce LCO Section 351.16, which prohibits parking “a truck over three-quarter ton, trailer or semitrailer in a roadway at any time in front of or alongside of property used for residential purposes, except in cases of breakdown or for loading or unloading purposes.”; and

WHEREAS, due to the increase in vehicle weights and payload classifications since 1975, the Law Committee will recommend, in separate legislation, updating the vehicle size and/or weight threshold permitted on city streets in residential districts pursuant to LCO Section 351.16; and

WHEREAS, in order to preserve the intent and spirit of the Zoning Code, the City will ask Planning Commission to review and replace Section 1143.13 to keep large commercial vehicles from being stored on private residential lots or parcels; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That Part Eleven – Planning and Zoning Code, Title Three – Zoning and Property Restrictions, Chapter 1143 – Parking, Loading Spaces, Access and Vehicular and Pedestrian Connectivity, Section 1143.13 – Parking of Commercial Vehicles in Residential Districts of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lancaster, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 2. That City Council hereby finds that this Ordinance was deliberated upon and passed in an open meeting in compliance with Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the City, and for the further reason that this Ordinance is necessary to resolve a neighborhood parking safety issue and confusion between the Parking Code and Planning and Zoning Code, which will allow LPD to enforce LCO 351.16; wherefore this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_ after \_\_\_\_\_ reading. Vote: Yeas \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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President of Council

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Offered by: \_\_\_\_\_

Second by: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by Law Committee

I, Anitra Scott, Clerk of Council do hereby certify that on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 the Lancaster Eagle Gazette published the summary of this ordinance in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 731.24.

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Clerk of Council