

TEMPORARY ORDINANCE NO. 43-25

PERMANENT ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND LANCASTER CODIFIED ORDINANCE PART THREE – TRAFFIC CODE, TITLE SEVEN – PARKING, CHAPTER 351 – PARKING GENERALLY BY REPEALING AND REPLACING SECTION 351.16 – TRUCKS ON RESIDENTIAL STREETS AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, as noted in Temporary Ordinance 42-25, differences in language between Lancaster Codified Ordinance (LCO) Section 1143.13 in the Zoning Code and LCO Section 351.16 in the Traffic Code were creating confusion in enforcing either section; and

WHEREAS, these issues need resolved so Lancaster Police Department can enforce LCO Section 351.16 where larger vehicles parked on a residential City street are creating a public safety issue; and

WHEREAS, LCO 351.16 was passed in 1975 when vehicles were smaller and weighed less and Law Committee is now recommending that LCO Section 351.16 be repealed and replaced to reflect a higher maximum weight limit for vehicles and trailers parked in front of or alongside property used for residential purposes; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That Part Three – Traffic Code, Title Seven – Parking, Chapter 351 – Parking Generally, Section 351.16 – Trucks on Residential Streets, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Lancaster, shall be repealed and replaced as follows:

“351.16 Trucks and Trailers on Residential Streets.

(a) No person shall park a truck over **14,001 GVWR**, a trailer or a semitrailer on a **street or** 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.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.”

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 for LPD to enforce the City’s traffic code to resolve a neighborhood safety issue; 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: _____

President of Council

Clerk: _____

Mayor

Offered by: _____

Second by: _____

Requested by Law Committee

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

Clerk of Council