

BOROUGH OF SWOYERSVILLE  
LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 89  
VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

ORDINANCE # 5 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SWOYERSVILLE  
ESTABLISHING REGULATION OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

WHEREAS, the Borough of Swoyersville, Luzerne County, was organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Swoyersville has enacted Ordinances dealing with the regulation of parking within the Borough of Swoyersville Chapter 89 Vehicles and Traffic; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has the right to set standards for the use and maintenance of roadways within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is concerned that on-street parking could hinder first responders from quickly responding to an emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has the legal authority to regulate parking of vehicles, specifically but not limited to recreational vehicles, within the confines of the Borough of Swoyersville; and

WHEREAS, snow storms, or accumulations of hail, sleet, freezing rain or ice can and do impair the flow of vehicular traffic and fire and emergency services equipment which may result in conditions adverse to the health, welfare and safety of the residents of the Borough of Swoyersville and the people lawfully upon public highways; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has further noted that regulations of parking and street usage and usage of the public ways are matters that require frequent revision to address changes in parking patterns, street usage, development and other natural recurring circumstances for which the passage of an Ordinance is required; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to promote the health, welfare and safety of the residents of the Borough of Swoyersville and the people lawfully upon the public highways, that the public highways and streets be cleared of snow, and accumulations of hail, sleet, freezing rain or ice, as promptly as possible.

NOW THEREFORE it is hereby ENACTED and ORDAINED by the Borough Council of Swoyersville, Luzerne County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as follows:

## DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall apply to the interpretation and enforcement of this Ordinance:

(1) Recreational Vehicle: A single-axle or multiple axle non-self propelled structure mounted on wheels or otherwise capable of being made mobile, and other types of vehicles, including but not limited to travel trailers, mobile homes, motor homes, ten trailers, boats and boat trailers and self-propelled motor homes or campers; used for any purpose (e.g. commercial, residential, recreational); but not including a municipal or governmental purpose.

(2) Storage: The placement of a recreational vehicle at a given location with the Borough of Swoyersville for continuous periods of time exceeding seventy-two (72) hours.

### STORAGE RESTRICTED

No recreational vehicle shall be stored, parked or otherwise kept on the public street, roadway or alleyway within the Borough of Swoyersville in any zoning district located within the Borough of Swoyersville subject to the following exceptions:

A recreational vehicle may be stored, parked or otherwise kept on the public street, roadway or alleyway within the Borough of Swoyersville, for the purpose of loading, unloading, maintenance for a period of not more than seventy-two (72) hours provided that said recreational vehicle is hooked to; fastened to; or attached to a duly licensed and registered motor vehicle.

In the event there is notice of an impending snow storm; accumulations of hail, sleet, freezing rain or ice then said recreational vehicle must be removed from any public street, roadway or alleyway located within the Borough of Swoyersville within a twenty (24) hour period either preceding or subsequent to said Notice being published or broadcast.

### VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

(1) Any person violating any of the provisions of this article shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a summary offense and shall be sentenced to pay a fine or not more than Three Hundred (\$300.00) dollars and/or to be committed to the Luzerne County Correctional Facility for a period not exceeding Thirty (30) days, plus costs of prosecution. Each day that a violation is committed shall constitute a separate offense.

### ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES

INCONSISTENT HEREWITH ARE HEREBY EXPRESSLY REPEALED.