PARKING REGULATIONS

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Chapter 1: General Provisions

1.1. Title – These regulations shall be known as the Fairfield Township Parking Regulations, hereinafter referred to as "these regulations" or the "Township Parking Regulations."

1.2. Purpose – These regulations are adopted pursuant to the authority granted to Fairfield Township under the Ohio Revised Code, including but not limited to R.C. 505.17, R.C. 5571.14, and the Township's authority to regulate and protect public streets, roadways, and rights-of-way in the unincorporated territory of the Township. These regulations aim to promote public health, safety, morals, comfort, prosperity, and general welfare.

1.3. Scope – The provisions of these regulations govern the parking of vehicles and the placement of storage containers or other materials on public streets and rights-of-way within Fairfield Township, including established roadways and areas where parking may affect access by public safety vehicles and equipment.

1.4. Jurisdiction – The Township Parking Regulations shall apply within the unincorporated areas of Fairfield Township, Butler County, Ohio, including all public streets, highways, and rights-of-way under the jurisdiction of the Township. These regulations shall also apply to parking on established roadways or private property only to the extent expressly authorized by applicable law or specifically provided for in these regulations.

1.5. Interpretation and Definitions – Unless otherwise expressly provided in these regulations, terms used within these regulations shall have the meanings assigned to them in Chapter 2. Terms not defined in these regulations shall be given their usual and customary meaning, unless a different meaning is required by applicable law. These regulations shall be interpreted in a manner that gives effect to their stated purpose and intent and is consistent with applicable federal and Ohio law.

1.6. Consistency With Other Laws – These regulations are intended to be consistent with and shall be administered in accordance with all applicable federal and Ohio laws, Fairfield Township resolutions, and other applicable Township regulations. Nothing in these regulations shall be construed to authorize conduct that is prohibited by applicable law or to limit any authority or requirement established by applicable law.

1.7. Conflicts – If any provision of these regulations conflicts with an applicable federal or Ohio law, the applicable federal or Ohio law shall control. If any provision of these regulations conflicts with another applicable Fairfield Township ordinance, resolution, or regulation, the provision specifically addressing the subject matter shall control to the extent permitted by law.

1.8. Severability – If any provision of these regulations is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, that determination shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions.

1.9. Existing Remedies – Nothing in these regulations shall limit or prevent the Township or its authorized officials from pursuing any other remedy or enforcement action authorized by law.

1.10. Administration and Enforcement – The Fairfield Township Police Department shall administer and enforce these regulations and shall have authority to make reasonable day-to-day operational decisions necessary to implement and enforce these regulations, consistent with applicable law and the policies established by the Board of Trustees. The Police Chief may exercise any authority specifically granted to the Chief under these regulations. Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the Police Department to amend, repeal, or establish substantive provisions of these regulations.

Chapter 2: Definitions

2.1. Scope – Unless otherwise expressly stated, the following terms shall, for the purposes of these regulations, have the meanings shown in this chapter.

2.2. Terms Not Defined – Where a term is not defined in these regulations, the term shall be given its ordinary and commonly understood meaning, unless a different meaning is required by applicable law.

2.3. Capitalization – Defined terms may be written with an uppercase or lowercase first letter without affecting their meaning.

2.4. **General Definitions**:

2.4.1. Commercial Equipment – Construction, excavation, landscaping, utility, or other equipment used primarily in connection with a business or commercial activity that is not designed primarily for ordinary highway transportation.

2.4.2. Commercial Vehicle – A vehicle designed, equipped, or used primarily for the transportation of property, materials, goods, or equipment in connection with a business or commercial activity, other than a passenger vehicle, pickup truck, or ordinary work van.

2.4.3. Dumpster – any container designed or used for the collection and hauling of waste or debris, including but not limited to roll-off containers or boxes and bin containers.

2.4.4. Person – Any natural person, firm, corporation, partnership, entity, or any group acting as a unit.

2.4.5. Property Owner – Any person having a legal or equitable interest in real property or otherwise having lawful control of the property.

2.4.6. Recreational Vehicle – A motor vehicle or trailer designed or used primarily for temporary living or recreational purposes, including motor homes, travel trailers, fifth-wheel trailers, and similar vehicles.

2.4.7. Roadway – That portion of a street or highway improved, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular travel and parking lanes, not including the berm, sidewalk, or shoulder.

2.4.8. Semitrailer - Semitrailer means every vehicle designed or used for carrying persons or property with another and separate motor vehicle so that, in operation, a part of its own weight or that of its load, or both, rests upon and is carried by another vehicle.

2.4.9. Street or Highway – A street or highway is the entire width between the boundary lines of every way open to the use of the public for vehicular travel.

2.4.10. Township – Township refers to Fairfield Township, Butler County, Ohio.

2.4.11. Trailer – A vehicle without motive power designed or used to be drawn by a motor vehicle, including utility trailers, boat trailers, camping trailers, travel trailers, and similar vehicles, but excluding semitrailers.

2.4.12. Vehicle – "Vehicle" has the same meaning as in section 4511.01 of the Revised Code.

Chapter 3: General Prohibitions

Parking is prohibited as follows, except when it is necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or while obeying the directions of a police officer or a traffic control device:

3.1. Street Parking Restrictions – The Board of Township Trustees may, by separate resolution referencing these regulations, designate any Township street or street segment where parking shall be permitted on only one side of the roadway. Where fire hydrants are located on only one side of the designated street or street segment, parking shall be limited to the side opposite the fire hydrants. Where no fire hydrants are located, or where fire hydrants are located on both sides, the Board of Trustees shall designate the permitted parking side based on roadway configuration, public safety, emergency access, and recommendations from the Fairfield Township Police Chief. Each resolution shall identify the affected street or street segment and the permitted parking side. The restriction shall become enforceable upon satisfaction of applicable legal requirements and installation of appropriate traffic-control devices.

3.2. Obstruction of Traffic and Emergency Access - No vehicle shall be parked in a manner that blocks the safe passage of traffic or prevents access by emergency vehicles. A violation shall be based on the actual position of the vehicle and conditions at the location.

3.3. Fire/Police Station Prohibition – Parking is prohibited within one hundred (100) feet of any driveway or other designated point of ingress or egress used by emergency vehicles to enter or exit a Township fire or police station.

3.4. Fire Hydrant Prohibition – Parking is prohibited within ten (10) feet of any fire hydrant.

3.5. Seventy-Two (72) Hour Parking Limitation – No vehicle shall remain parked or standing at the same location on a public street for more than seventy-two (72) consecutive hours unless authorized by a temporary parking permit issued under Chapter 4 of these regulations. A vehicle must be moved at least twenty-five (25) feet from its original location before the seventy-two (72) hour period expires to constitute relocation under this section. Relocation does not authorize continuous street storage. A vehicle shall not be repeatedly moved or repositioned within the same general area for the purpose of avoiding this limitation. The purpose of this regulation is to prevent continuous long-term parking and the storage of vehicles on public streets while allowing reasonable short-term use of public street parking.

3.6. Driveways – Parking is prohibited in a manner that blocks or obstructs access to any public or private driveway. For purposes of this section, a vehicle is considered to be parked in front of a driveway only when the vehicle is positioned on the same side of the street as the driveway and directly in front of, or otherwise obstructing, the driveway. A vehicle parked across the street from a driveway is not considered to be parked in front of or blocking the driveway solely because of its location. Parking is also prohibited within 2½ feet (30 inches) of either side of the driveway. This prohibition does not apply when the property owner or lawful occupant of the premises served by the driveway has given permission for the vehicle to be parked within this 30-inch area.

3.7. Parking Near Mailboxes - No person shall park any vehicle in a manner that obstructs or interferes with access to any official mailbox by postal employees. During the hours of 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m., parking is prohibited directly in front of an official mailbox or within eight (8) feet of the approach to the mailbox.

3.8. Roundabout Prohibition – Parking is prohibited within a roundabout and on any portion of a roadway that is designed, marked, or otherwise designated to channel or direct traffic into, through, or out of the roundabout. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, approach and exit lanes, concrete medians, splitter islands, traffic islands, and other traffic-control features associated with the roundabout.

3.9. Intersection Parking – Parking is prohibited within ten (10) feet of the corner of any intersection, measured from the point where the curb lines or roadway edges of the intersecting streets meet or would meet if extended.

3.10. Curbless Streets – On any street that is not improved with curbing, parking shall not be permitted in a manner that obstructs or interferes with the normal movement of traffic on the roadway. When a shoulder, berm, or other area outside the roadway is available,

vehicles shall be parked as far off the roadway as reasonably practicable. Parking shall not be permitted where the position of the vehicle would restrict or interfere with the safe passage of traffic or emergency vehicles.

3.11. Fire Lane Prohibitions – Parking is prohibited in any area designated as a fire lane.

3.12. Dumpsters, Storage Containers, and Other Objects in Public Rights-of-Way – No dumpster, storage container, or other portable container shall be placed or maintained within any public right-of-way unless authorized by a temporary parking permit issued in accordance with these regulations.

3.13. Placement of Materials on Roadway – No person shall place, deposit, dump, or cause to be placed, deposited, or dumped any gravel, stone, soil, mud, mulch, sand, construction material, or other material upon any roadway without the authorization from the Township.

3.14. Objects in Fire Lane – The placement or maintenance of any dumpster, trailer, storage container, or other portable container in any area designated as a fire lane is prohibited.

3.15. Commercial Vehicles, Recreational Vehicles, Trailers, and Equipment – Public streets shall not be used for the long-term storage of commercial vehicles, recreational vehicles, trailers, or commercial equipment. The following provisions shall apply:

3.15.1. Passenger Vehicles, Pickup Trucks, and Work Vans – Passenger vehicles, pickup trucks, and ordinary work vans may be parked on public streets in accordance with these regulations, regardless of whether the vehicle is used for personal or commercial purposes.

3.15.2. Commercial Vehicles and Equipment – Larger commercial vehicles, commercial equipment, and similar vehicles may temporarily occupy a public street when reasonably necessary for loading or unloading, deliveries, moving, construction, repair, service, or other legitimate business activity. Such vehicles and equipment shall not be maintained on a public street for the purpose of long-term storage.

3.15.3. Personal Trailers and Recreational Vehicles – A personal trailer, boat trailer, utility trailer, recreational vehicle, travel trailer, or similar vehicle may temporarily occupy a public street for no more than seventy-two consecutive hours when reasonably necessary for loading, unloading, preparation for or return from travel, moving, or another legitimate temporary residential purpose. Such vehicles shall not be maintained on a public street for the purpose of long-term storage.

3.15.4. Commercial Trailers and Semitrailers – Commercial trailers and semitrailers may temporarily occupy a public street when reasonably necessary for loading, unloading, deliveries, construction, repair, service, or other legitimate business activity. Commercial trailers and semitrailers shall not be maintained on a public street for the purpose of long-term storage.

Vehicles and equipment permitted under this section remain subject to the seventy-two (72) hour limitation established in Section 3.5, unless otherwise authorized under these regulations.

3.15.5. Circumvention and Storage – A vehicle, trailer, recreational vehicle, or piece of equipment shall not be repeatedly moved, repositioned, or rotated among locations on public streets for the purpose of avoiding the temporary-parking limits or storage prohibitions established in these regulations. The use of a public street as a substitute for private property for the continuous storage of vehicles, trailers, recreational vehicles, or equipment is prohibited. Regular transportation use followed by a return to the same lawful parking location does not, by itself, establish prohibited storage or circumvention. Enforcement shall be based on documented parking patterns, observed movements, and other relevant circumstances.

Chapter 4: Temporary Parking Permits

4.1. Temporary Parking Permit Requirement – A person may apply to the Fairfield Township Police Department for a temporary parking permit when a vehicle, trailer, recreational vehicle, dumpster, storage container, or other object would otherwise be prohibited from being parked or placed on a public street or right-of-way under these regulations. A temporary parking permit may authorize the specified vehicle, object, location, and period identified on the temporary parking permit, subject to any conditions imposed by the Police Department. No temporary parking permit shall authorize conduct prohibited by applicable federal or Ohio law or parking that creates an unreasonable hazard or obstruction to traffic or emergency access.

4.2. Application Requirements – To obtain a Temporary Parking Permit, persons must provide the Fairfield Township Police Department with a completed application, which includes the following information:

4.2.1. The applicant's name and contact information;

4.2.2. A description of the vehicle, trailer, recreational vehicle, dumpster, storage container, or other object for which the temporary parking permit is requested;

4.2.3. The proposed location where the vehicle or object will be parked or placed;

4.2.4. The requested beginning and ending dates of the temporary parking permit; and

4.2.5. The reason for the temporary parking request.

4.3. Additional Information – The Fairfield Township Police Department may require additional information necessary to evaluate the request and determine whether the proposed parking or placement can be safely accommodated. The Police Department shall consult with the Public Works Department when the proposed placement may affect pavement,

drainage, roadway maintenance, or snow removal. The Police Department may consult with the Fire Department when additional evaluation of emergency access is necessary.

4.4. Approval Criteria – The Fairfield Township Police Department may approve a temporary parking permit when the applicant demonstrates that the vehicle or object cannot reasonably be located on the applicant's property or another lawful location outside the public street or right-of-way and that the requested temporary parking is necessary for a bona fide moving, construction, rehabilitation, repair, service, delivery, loading or unloading, travel preparation, or other legitimate temporary purpose.

In determining whether to approve a temporary parking permit, the Police Department shall consider:

4.4.1. Public safety;

4.4.2. Traffic flow and roadway conditions;

4.4.3. Access for emergency vehicles and equipment;

4.4.4. The requested duration and location;

4.4.5. The size, type, and intended use of the vehicle or object;

4.4.6. Compliance with these regulations and applicable law; and

4.4.7. Any other circumstances reasonably related to the safe and orderly use of the public street or right-of-way.

The Police Department may deny a temporary parking permit when the requested location or use would create an unreasonable hazard or obstruction to traffic or emergency access.

4.5. Temporary Parking Permit Conditions – The Fairfield Township Police Department may impose reasonable conditions on any temporary parking permit as necessary to protect public safety, maintain traffic flow, preserve emergency access, or otherwise ensure compliance with these regulations. Conditions may include, but are not limited to:

4.5.1. A specific parking or placement location;

4.5.2. Specific dates or times during which the temporary parking permit is valid;

4.5.3. Requirements for signs, barricades, or other traffic-control measures;

4.5.4. Requirements concerning the positioning, lighting, or visibility of the permitted vehicle or object; and

4.5.5. Any other reasonable condition necessary to protect public safety or facilitate the safe and orderly use of the public street or right-of-way.

4.6. Temporary Parking Permit Duration and Extensions – Each temporary parking permit shall be limited to the period reasonably necessary for the approved temporary activity and shall specify its beginning and expiration dates.

A permit holder seeking an extension shall submit the request before the permit expires and explain the continued need for the authorized placement. The Police Department shall evaluate the request based on the continued need, compliance with permit conditions, current roadway conditions, traffic flow, and emergency access.

An extension shall be approved in writing and shall identify the revised expiration date and any modified conditions. Submission of an extension request does not extend the permit. Upon expiration, the permit holder shall remove the vehicle or object unless an extension or other authorization has been approved.

4.7. Temporary Parking Permit Issuance and Display – An approved temporary parking permit shall be issued in writing and identify:

4.7.1. The permit number and permit holder's name;

4.7.2. The authorized vehicle or object;

4.7.3. The approved parking or placement location;

4.7.4. The beginning and expiration dates and any applicable time restrictions; and

4.7.5. All conditions of approval.

A copy shall be provided to the permit holder. When practicable, the permit or an identifying permit notice shall be displayed conspicuously on or near the authorized vehicle or object. The Police Department shall maintain a record of issued permits and approved extensions accessible to enforcing officers.

4.8. Revocation of Temporary Parking Permit – The Fairfield Township Police Department may revoke a temporary parking permit when:

4.8.1. The temporary parking permit holder violates any condition of the temporary parking permit or these regulations;

4.8.2. The information provided in the temporary parking permit application is determined to be false, inaccurate, or materially incomplete;

4.8.3. Circumstances arise that create an unreasonable hazard or obstruction to traffic, emergency access, or public safety;

4.8.4. The permitted vehicle or object is no longer being used for the purpose for which the temporary parking permit was issued; or

4.8.5. Revocation is otherwise reasonably necessary to protect public safety or ensure compliance with these regulations.

Upon revocation, the temporary parking permit holder shall promptly remove the vehicle or object from the public street or right-of-way, unless otherwise directed by the Police Department.

Chapter 5: Enforcement and Penalties

5.1. Parking Infractions – A violation of a provision of these regulations that regulates the standing or parking of a vehicle shall constitute a noncriminal parking infraction and shall not be considered a criminal offense for any purpose. A person who commits a parking infraction shall not be arrested as a result of the commission of the infraction. Parking infractions shall be handled in accordance with Chapter 4521 of the Ohio Revised Code.

5.2. Fine – A person who commits a parking infraction under these regulations shall be subject to a fine in an amount equal to the current fine established by the Butler County Area II Court for a substantively comparable parking violation, as established pursuant to Traffic Rule 13(C). In no event shall the fine exceed the maximum amount permitted by applicable law.

5.3. Failure to Answer – A person who is issued a parking ticket shall answer the charge within fifteen (15) days after the date the parking ticket is served. Failure to timely answer a parking ticket shall result in an additional penalty in an amount equal to the fine established by the Butler County Area II Court or juvenile court, whichever is applicable, for a substantively comparable parking violation, as established pursuant to Traffic Rule 13(C). In no event shall the additional penalty exceed the maximum amount permitted by applicable law.

5.4. Parking Ticket – A law enforcement officer may issue a parking ticket for a violation constituting a parking infraction under these regulations. The Ohio Uniform Traffic Ticket adopted by the Township shall be used for parking infractions and shall serve as the summons and complaint for purposes of Chapter 4521 of the Ohio Revised Code. The parking ticket shall identify the applicable Township regulation and contain the information required by applicable law.

5.5. Warnings – A law enforcement officer may issue a warning for a violation of these regulations in lieu of a parking ticket when, in the officer's discretion, the circumstances warrant a warning. The warning may identify the violation and provide a reasonable period of time within which to remedy the violation.

5.6. Other Remedies – The issuance of a parking ticket or imposition of a parking infraction fine shall not preclude the Fairfield Township Police Department or other authorized Township official from taking any other action authorized by law or these regulations, including requiring the removal of a vehicle or object that presents a hazard or obstruction to traffic, emergency access, or public safety.

5.7. Disposition of Parking Infractions – Parking infractions arising under these regulations shall be processed and adjudicated by the Butler County Area II Court, or juvenile court, whichever is applicable, with Chapter 4521 of the Ohio Revised Code. A person who denies a parking infraction shall be entitled to a hearing in accordance with applicable law.

Chapter 6: Authority to Tow or Impound

6.1. Authority to Tow or Impound – Pursuant to Section 4521.02(B) of the Ohio Revised Code and other applicable law, a vehicle may be towed, removed, immobilized, or impounded when authorized by applicable law or these regulations and when reasonably necessary to protect public safety, maintain traffic flow, preserve emergency access, address a vehicle that is unlawfully parked or abandoned, or enforce a lawful parking restriction. Towing or impoundment shall be conducted in accordance with applicable law and any Township policies governing vehicle removal and impoundment.

6.2. Circumstances Warranting Removal – In addition to any circumstances otherwise authorized by law, a vehicle may be towed, removed, or impounded when:

6.2.1. The vehicle is parked in a manner that creates an immediate or substantial hazard to public safety;

6.2.2. The vehicle obstructs a fire lane, fire hydrant, emergency access, or the entrance or exit of an emergency facility;

6.2.3. The vehicle obstructs or substantially interferes with the normal movement of traffic;

6.2.4. The vehicle is parked in violation of a posted or designated no-parking restriction where removal is authorized by law;

6.2.5. The vehicle has been abandoned or left unattended in violation of applicable law or these regulations; or

6.2.6. Removal is otherwise reasonably necessary to enforce these regulations or protect public safety.

6.3. Notice and Removal – When circumstances permit, a law enforcement officer shall provide notice to the owner or operator of a vehicle that is subject to removal and provide a reasonable opportunity to correct the violation before the vehicle is towed or removed. Notice and an opportunity to correct the violation shall not be required when the vehicle

presents an immediate or substantial hazard to public safety, obstructs emergency access, or when immediate removal is otherwise authorized or required by applicable law.

6.4. Towing and Storage – Vehicles removed pursuant to these regulations shall be towed by a towing service authorized by the Fairfield Township Police Department and transported to a lawful storage facility designated by the towing service or the Fairfield Township Police Department. All towing, removal, storage, and related costs shall be the responsibility of the vehicle owner or other person legally responsible for the vehicle, to the extent permitted by law. The release of an impounded vehicle shall be subject to payment of applicable charges and compliance with all requirements of the towing service and storage facility to the extent permitted or required by applicable law.

6.5. Owner Notification – When a vehicle is towed, removed, or impounded pursuant to these regulations, the Fairfield Township Police Department shall provide notice to the vehicle owner or other person entitled to notice in the manner and within the time required by applicable law.

6.6. Compliance with Law – All towing, removal, impoundment, storage, notice, release, and disposition of vehicles under these regulations shall be conducted in accordance with applicable federal and Ohio law and any applicable Township policies and procedures.