

THE BOROUGH OF AMBLER, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA

ORDINANCE #1069

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOROUGH PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE TO INCLUDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES ON PRIVATE NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY, LEAVING THE REMAINDER OF THE ORDINANCE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT; EFFECTIVE UPON ADOPTION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ambler regulates by ordinance the maintenance of the interiors and exteriors of private properties to assure they remain in a safe condition to inhabitants and the general public, and

WHEREAS, it is the finding of Borough Council that instances have arisen in which property owners or tenants have erected devices to stop the general public from parking on their property at times during which the property is not in use by the owner or tenant, and that such devices have been temporary or hand-made, lacking any anchored installation, and thus they are susceptible to vandalism and being dragged or thrown into public rights of way, and

FURTHER, it is the finding of Council that such traffic blocking devices are in some cases erected within the public rights of way, and

FURTHER, that the regulation of such traffic control devices will enhance aesthetics through a uniform appearance and will promote vehicular and pedestrian safety.

NOW THEREFORE, Council does ORDAIN that Chapter 5, Part 6 of the Borough Codified Ordinances is amended by the addition of a new section 605, which shall read as follows:

§5 – 605. Parking Control Devices.

A. APPLICABILITY:

A. Any non-residential off-street parking areas. This ordinance does not require the placement of traffic control devices. It regulates the use of such devices in those instances where owners or tenants have elected voluntarily to erect them.

B. DEFINITIONS:

a. PARKING CONTROL DEVICE: Any device or barrier giving notice of, delineating, controlling or restricting parking or use of parking zones including by physically barring vehicles from entry. Devices can include, but are not limited to, bollards, fences, gates, and planters.

C. REGULATIONS:

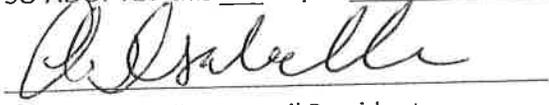
a. General Standards:

1. Devices may be removable, but must be physically attached to the ground at grade level when in use in such a manner as to not be readily removable by passersby.
2. Devices shall not create hazardous and unexpected obstacles to pedestrians, cyclists and other non-motorized users.
3. Devices shall not be placed closer than four (4) feet from one another, measured from the edge of one device to the closest edge of the next device.
4. Devices should be set a minimum of 18 inches from the closest edge of the nearest public right of way, whether a curb or the interior edge of a sidewalk where sidewalks are present.
5. Devices shall be clearly visible during nighttime hours. Devices without adequate illumination shall be marked with a reflector or reflective tape.
6. Devices shall be maintained in good repair.

b. Device Design:

1. Devices shall be of a style, color, and durable material that is harmonious with the established streetscape character.
2. Devices should be a minimum of 28 inches in height to ensure visibility to pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular traffic.
3. Clearance between devices and any other structure or pole (except other traffic control devices, which must be four feet apart) must be at least 36 inches.
4. Standard pipes or other containers or plastic buckets filled with concrete are prohibited, as are cinderblocks.
5. Devices shall not be connected to one another by chains, ropes, cables or similar means due to the tripping hazard to pedestrians.

SO ADOPTED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013. Effective upon adoption.



Antonio Isabella, Council President

ATTEST: 

Mary Aversa, Secretary