

Chapter 175

VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Chester Heights as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Parades, assemblies and other obstructions — See Ch. 130, Art. I.

ARTICLE I Speed Limits

[Adopted 7-1-1946 by Ord. No. 7]

§ 175-1. Statutory authority; establishment of speed limit.

By authority of the Act of Assembly approved June 5, 1937, P.L. 1718,¹ the speed limit on all of the roads, streets and highways in the Borough of Chester Heights shall be and the same is hereby fixed at 35 miles an hour, except where otherwise specifically restricted by said Act of Assembly.

§ 175-1.1. Speed limits. [Added 9-13-2004 by Ord. No. 174]

It shall be unlawful to drive a vehicle at a higher speed than that prescribed for the street or part of street located within the Borough of Chester Heights as indicated below:

Street	Speed Limit (mph)
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Willits Way	25
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§ 175-2. Violations and penalties.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this article shall, upon summary conviction before any District Justice of the County of Delaware, be sentenced to pay a fine of \$10 and costs of prosecution and, in default of the payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not more than five days.

ARTICLE II Parking, Stopping and Standing; One-Way Streets; Sound Effects [Adopted 7-2-1951 by Ord. No. 21]

§ 175-3. Terminology.

1. Editor's Note: See 75 Pa.C.S.A. § 3362.

The terms used in this article shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Vehicle Code of Pennsylvania.²

§ 175-4. Administration.

This article shall be administered by the Police Committee of the Borough Council, and said Committee is hereby authorized to purchase, erect, repair, maintain and remove all necessary official traffic signs, signals, markings, equipment and devices.

§ 175-5. Authority to erect signs.

The Police Committee is hereby authorized to erect signs bearing the words "Through Traffic Stop" and "Stop" at all intersections where, in the judgment of the Committee, the stopping of vehicles from one or more directions is necessary for the safety and convenience of the public.

§ 175-6. Authority to establish parking restrictions.

The Police Committee is hereby authorized to designate certain highways or parts thereof on which parking shall be prohibited at all times.

§ 175-7. No parking anytime.

No parking shall be permitted at any time in front of any firehouse, or on any highway less than fifteen feet in width.

§ 175-8. Authority to designate certain-hours-only parking.

The Police Committee is hereby authorized to designate certain highways or parts thereof on which parking shall be permitted only during certain hours.

§ 175-9. Authority to designate one-side-only parking.

The Police Committee is hereby authorized to designate certain highways or parts thereof on which parking shall be permitted only on one side.

§ 175-10. Parking on highway.

All parking is prohibited on the highway in front of schools, churches, theatres, banks, hotels, gasoline filling stations, driveways and offices of physicians, but these restrictions shall be in force only when the premises in question are being regularly used for their proper purpose, or when other days or hours are conspicuously posted. Vehicles may stop to load and unload in front of these premises but they must give way to other vehicles arriving for the same purpose.

§ 175-11. Unlawful loading.

No operator of a burden vehicle shall stop such vehicle on a highway in a business district, or obstruct any sidewalk, for a longer time than is necessary to load or unload the same.

2. Editor's Note: See 75 Pa.C.S.A. § 101 et seq.

§ 175-12. Parking for sale of vehicle; parking on bridges.

No person shall park a vehicle on any highway for the purpose of selling the same, nor shall any vehicle be parked on a bridge, a bridge approach, or in any underpass.

§ 175-13. Parking to wash and/or repair vehicles.

No vehicle shall be parked on any highway or sidewalk for the purpose of washing, greasing or repairing the same except in case of an emergency.

§ 175-14. Authority to designate one-way streets.

The Police Committee is hereby authorized to designate certain highways or parts thereof on which traffic may proceed in one direction only.

§ 175-15. Voice and mechanical sound effects.

No person shall use voice or mechanical sound effects for advertising purposes in a motor vehicle without having first applied for and obtained permission from the Police Department.

§ 175-16. Obedience to directions of police officers required.

The operators of motor vehicles and pedestrians shall always follow the specific directions of police officers on duty even though such directions, by reason of an emergency or some other special condition, are contrary to the provisions of the Vehicle Code or this article.

§ 175-17. Waiver of prosecution.

In all cases where a police officer shall first give notice of any violation of this article by either handing to the offending driver or affixing to the vehicle in question a ticket on which he has noted the time and place of, and nature of the offense charged, no prosecution shall be instituted for 48 hours thereafter, and if, during said period, the offender shall voluntarily appear at the office of the Police Department, voluntarily enter a plea of guilty, and pay a fine of \$1 to the Borough Treasurer, no prosecution for said offense shall thereafter be brought.

§ 175-18. Violations and penalties.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this article shall be liable to a penalty of not more than \$10 nor less than \$2 for each and every offense, to be collectible before any District Justice of Delaware County as like penalties are now by law collectible and, in default of the payment thereof shall undergo imprisonment for not more than five days.

ARTICLE III
Commercial Vehicles
[Adopted 12-4-1989 by Ord. No. 111]

§ 175-19. Operation on Ivy Lane.

A. It shall be unlawful to operate trucks and/or commercial vehicles, requiring licensure by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for vehicles other than passenger vehicles, on

the Borough road of Ivy Lane; located in the Borough of Chester Heights, bounded on the east by its intersection with Valleybrook Road, and on the west extending to its intersection with the Borough limits; unless said operation is for the purpose of local deliveries on said Ivy Lane and/or Mildred Lane.

- B. It is further directed that the appropriate officials of the Borough of Chester Heights shall arrange for the installation and maintenance of appropriate signs to this effect at appropriate locations along the berm of said Ivy Lane.

ARTICLE IV
Stop Intersections
[Adopted 11-7-1994 by Ord. No. 134]

§ 175-20. Establishment of three-way stop intersections.

- A. Walnut Hill Boulevard, at its intersection with Highland Drive shall be a three-way stop intersection.
- B. Highland Drive, at its intersection with Bonnie Lane, shall be a three-way stop intersection.

§ 175-21. Erection of signs.

- A. The Borough shall cause to be erected two stop signs on Walnut Hill Boulevard at its intersection with Highland Drive and one stop sign on Highland Drive at its intersection with Walnut Hill Boulevard.
- B. The Borough shall cause to be erected two stop signs on Highland Drive at its intersection with Bonnie Lane and one stop sign on Bonnie Lane at its intersection with Highland Drive.
- C. The stop signs erected at said intersections shall be done substantially in conformity with the engineer's Intersection Plan Sketch A and Intersection Plan Sketch B which are attached hereto and made an integral part hereof.³

§ 175-22. Violations and penalties.

Any person violating this article shall be prosecuted pursuant to the Motor Vehicle Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and, upon conviction, shall be sentenced to pay fines and/or receive such other penalties as are contained in the Motor Vehicle Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

3. Editor's Note: Said sketch plans are on file in the Borough offices.