BILL NO. 29 - 2016

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM, COUNTIES OF LEHIGH AND NORTHAMPTON, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING SECTION 531.01(b) OF ARTICLE 531 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE PARKING AND STANDING OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN SPECIFIED PLACES.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Subsection 531.01(b) of Article 531 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Bethlehem relating to the parking and standing of motor vehicles in specified places presently reads as follows:

General Rule. Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or to protect the safety of any person or vehicle or in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or official traffic control device, no person shall:

(b) Stand or park any vehicle:

1. In front of a public or private driveway.
2. Within fifteen feet of a fire hydrant.
3. Within twenty feet of a crosswalk at an intersection.
4. Within thirty feet upon the approach to any flashing signal, stop sign, yield sign or traffic control signal located at the side of a roadway.
5. Within twenty feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station or, when properly sign posted, on the side of a street opposite the entrance to any fire station within seventy-five feet of the entrance.
6. Where the vehicle would prevent the free movement of a streetcar.
7. On a limited access highway unless authorized by official traffic control devices.
8. At any place where official signs prohibit standing.

Shall be amended to read as follows:

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(b) Stand or park any vehicle:

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6. Where the vehicle would prevent the free movement of a streetcar.
7. On a limited access highway unless authorized by official traffic control devices.
8. At any place where official signs prohibit standing.
9. **In the front yard of any property, except in accordance with the following requirements:** 
   * + 1. **The vehicle is parked on a solid surface parking pad constructed of either macadam or concrete;**
       2. **The vehicle must be parked in such a way so as to not obstruct other driveways, sidewalks, or the right-of-way; and**
       3. **Notwithstanding the foregoing, a vehicle may be temporarily parked in a front yard of a residence found within a residential zoning district for the purpose of loading and unloading items for a period not to exceed 1 hour per week, as measured from Sunday, 12:01 am through Saturday, 11:59 pm.**
10. **In any rear or side yard, unless the vehicle is parked on mud-free stone-covered surface or an intact, solid surface parking pad constructed of either macadam or concrete;**

SECTION 2. All ordinances and resolutions, or portions thereof, which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Sponsored by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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PASSED finally in Council on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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President of Council

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

This Ordinance approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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Mayor