

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

COUNTY OF BUCKS
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 87

An Ordinance providing for rules and regulations governing the use of the Bucks County Courthouse Parking Garage and providing penalties for violation of the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it enacted and ordained by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Bucks, Pennsylvania, as follows:

Section 1. TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known as the "Bucks County Courthouse Parking Garage Rules and Regulations."

Section 2. DEFINITIONS

Except where the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following terms as used in this Ordinance shall have the following meanings:

- A. The term "Parking Garage" shall mean the Bucks County Courthouse Parking Garage located at Broad and Main Streets and any parking garage, parking lot, or parking area under the control of the County of Bucks.
- B. The term "Courthouse Security Officers" shall mean the officers or watchmen appointed by the Bucks County Commissioners under 16 PA. Cons. Stat. Ann. 5526 to guard and protect the County buildings and to enforce the provisions of the Second Class County Code and other laws relating thereto.

Section 3. HOURS AND USE

- A. The Parking Garage shall be open to the public twenty four (24) hours daily or such other hours as directed and posted by the Bucks County Board of Commissioners.

Section 4. DESTRUCTION OF BUILDING AND OTHER PROPERTIES

No person shall:

- A. Destroy, deface, vandalize, alter, change, or remove any part of the Parking Garage building.
- B. Destroy, deface, vandalize, alter, change, or remove any property located in the Parking Garage belonging to another person.
- C. Destroy, deface, vandalize, alter, change, or remove any notice or sign, whether permanent or temporary, posted, or exhibited within the Parking Garage.

Section 5. LITTERING, DUMPING AND POLLUTION

No person shall:

- A. Discard, deposit, dump, litter, or allow to blow away refuse of any kind or nature except by placing said refuse in containers provided for such purpose.

Section 6. FIRES

No person shall:

- A. Set or cause any fire within the Parking Garage.
- B. Drop, dump, throw, or otherwise scatter lighted matches, burning cigars, cigarettes, tobacco paper or other flammable material except in designated containers.

Section 7. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

No person shall:

- A. Possess or be under the influence of any alcoholic beverage or other illegal substance while on the premises of the Parking Garage.

Section 8. USE OF RADIOS, TAPE RECORDERS AND LOUD SPEAKERS

No person shall:

- A. Play, or cause to play any radio, tape recorder, loud speaker, etc., in a loud or boisterous manner which tends to disturb or annoy any user of the Parking Garage, or adjacent neighbors thereto, or Courthouse Security Officers.

Section 9. SKATING AND COASTINGNo person shall:

- A. Use roller skates, roller blades, skate boards, bikes, or other similar conveyances within any area of the Parking Garage premises.
- B. Skate, sled, or coast in any area of the Parking garage premises.

Section 10. PERSONAL CONDUCTNo person shall:

- A. Engage in any violent, abusive, loud, boisterous, vulgar, lewd, wanton, obscene, or otherwise disorderly conduct tending to create a breach of the peace or to disturb or annoy others, while in any area of the Parking Garage premises.
- B. Commit any indecent or immoral act tending to debauch the morals or manners of the public, while on the Parking Garage premises.

Section 11. OPERATION AND PARKING OF MOTOR VEHICLESNo person shall:

- A. Stop or park a vehicle in any parking area or roadway in such manner as to form an obstruction to traffic thereon, to block any entrance or exit to and from the Parking Garage, or to hinder operation of another vehicle.
- B. Park a vehicle in any place where "No Parking" signs have been erected.
- C. Park a vehicle in any place where parking lines do not exist.
- D. Park a vehicle in such a manner as to take up more than one (1) designated parking spot.
- E. Park in an area restricted to handicapped parking when the operator does not possess a handicapped marker or sticker.
- F. Operate a vehicle in excess of 5 miles per hour in the Parking Garage or such other speed limit as directed and posted by the Bucks County Board of Commissioners.
- G. Fail to yield to the right-of-way of pedestrians or vehicles in the Parking Garage.
- H. Fail to drive a vehicle in conformity with "One Way" signs, arrows, or markings.
- I. Park in or on the Parking Garage premises during hours when the Parking Garage is closed.

Section 12. UNLAWFUL OBSTRUCTIONNo person shall:

- A. Force, threaten, intimidate, or by any other means, prevent or obstruct any person from entering, leaving, or making full use of the Parking Garage premises, unless that person is authorized to do so by this Ordinance.

Section 13. HINDERING OR RESISTING COURTHOUSE SECURITY OFFICERSNo person shall:

- A. Use profanity towards any Courthouse Security Officer who is performing his official duties.
- B. Hinder or refuse to obey any lawful command of any Courthouse Security Officer who is performing his duties in the Parking Garage.

Section 14. IMPERSONATION OF COURTHOUSE SECURITY OFFICERSNo person shall:

- A. Impersonate a Courthouse Security Officer for any reason.

Section 15. EMERGENCY POWERSNothing in these Rules shall:

- A. Prohibit or hinder duly authorized agents of Bucks County or any borough, township, or state police officers from performing their official duties.
- B. Prohibit Bucks County personnel from establishing additional Rules and Regulations required to protect the health, welfare, safety and property of Parking Garage visitors and users.

Section 16. PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT

- A. Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance shall, for every such offense, upon conviction thereof before a District Justice in Bucks County, in a summary proceeding, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) and/or to undergo imprisonment for a term of not more than thirty (30) days. All prosecutions shall be brought by Bucks County personnel's filing of a private complaint with a District Justice in Bucks County under Pennsylvania Rule of Criminal Procedure 65.
- B. Enforcement of This Ordinance shall be the responsibility of Courthouse Security Officers. The Courthouse Security Officers shall have the authority, upon view of a violation of this Ordinance, to arrest and detain a suspected violator under Section 2526 of the Second Class County Code. (16 PA. Cons. Stat. Ann. § 5526). Prior to utilizing their arrest and detention powers, Courthouse Security Officers must exhibit some sign of authority under Pennsylvania Rule of Criminal Procedure 52.
- C. Any other prosecution for violations or crimes on the Parking Garage premises shall be brought under Title 18, otherwise known as the Pennsylvania Crimes Code and/or Title 75, otherwise known as the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicles Code, and shall follow the procedures as set forth in the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure.

Section 17. SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any sentence, clause, or section of this Ordinance is found to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, the remaining sentences, clauses, or sections of this Ordinance hereby remain adopted by the County Commissioners of the County of Bucks.


Section 18. EFFECTIVENESS OF ORDINANCE

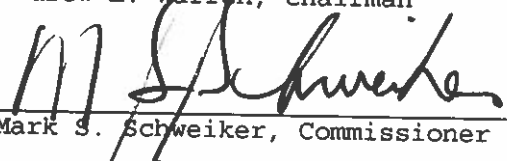
- A. This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

Ordained and enacted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Bucks, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this 23rd day of November, 1994.

COUNTY OF BUCKS

ATTEST:


 David G. Steinbach

Andrew L. Warren, Chairman

 Mark S. Schweiker, Commissioner


 Sandra A. Miller, Commissioner