ORDINANCE NO. 2012-65

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, A FIRST CLASS TOWNSHIP UNDER THE LAWS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING SANCTIONS AND FINES FOR VIOLATION OF PARKING RESTRICITONS THROUGHOUT HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, pursuant to the First Class Township Code, the Township Board of Commissioners has statutory authority to regulate streets under the municipal jurisdiction of the Township relative to public safety and parking (53 Pa.C.S. §56557, §56549 and §56510); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Vehicle Code, the Board of Commissioners is authorized to regulate parking on streets under the municipal jurisdiction of the Township where stopping, standing or parking thereon constitutes a safety hazard or unduly interferes with the free movement of traffic (75 Pa.C.S. §3353); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for the Township of Hopewell is authorized by the Vehicle Code, Title 75, Chapter 63, Section 6301 to prescribe fines and penalties for parking violations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for the Township of Hopewell have determined that sanctions and fines for parking violations should be established to more effectively enforce parking restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for the Township of Hopewell have determined that the Hopewell Police Department shall be authorized to enforce and issue citations for parking violations in accordance with this Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, based upon the foregoing which is incorporated herein, be it Enacted and Ordained by the Board of Commissioners for the First Class Township of Hopewell, Beaver County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that:

1. Parking violations in Hopewell Township shall constitute a summary offense punishable as follows:

PARKING VIOLATIONS ORDINANCE

Illegal Parking or Fire Lane - \$15.00 if paid within 72 hours. If not paid within 72 hours - \$30.00.

Handicap Parking - \$25.00

Parking on Yellow Line or Curb - \$15.00

Parking at Fire Hydrant - \$15.00

Parking in Prohibited Zone - \$10.00

Other Violations - \$10.00

- Payment of the fines set forth herein shall be made within 20 days of issuance or the fine due shall be tripled and recoverable by action before the Magisterial District Justice.
- 3. Actions before the Magisterial District Justice shall permit the recovery of court costs, police officer compensation for attendance at the hearing and legal fees incurred by the Township as additional sanctions.
- 4. Any person who violates a parking restriction in Hopewell Township may have their offending vehicle removed at the direction of the Hopewell Police Department; shall pay all costs associated with the removal and storage of the offending vehicle and shall hold the third party towers harmless from any claims for damage to the offending vehicle resulting from said removal.

ORDAINED and ENACTED by the Board of Commissioners for Hopewell Township this

day of June, 2012. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately.

ATTEST:

Township Manager

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President, Hopewell Township

Board of Commissioners