

AN ORDINANCE

NO. 26-1417

AN ORDINANCE to Amend the Code Of Upper Dublin Township, Part II, General Legislation, Chapter 233, Streets and Sidewalks, Article V “Handicapped Parking” to Allow for the Designation of Handicapped Parking Spaces

The Board of Commissioners of Upper Dublin Township hereby enacts and ordains:

Section 1. The Code of Upper Dublin Township, Part II, General Legislation, Chapter 233 “Streets and Sidewalks”, Article V “Handicapped Parking” is hereby deleted in its entirety and restated as follows:

§ 233-32. Definitions.

As used in this Article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

HANDICAPPED PERSON — Any person who meets the requirements of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be eligible for the issuance by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, pursuant to 75 Pa.C.S.A. 1338, a person with disability parking placard and/or registration plate, a temporary person with a disability parking placard or a severely disabled veteran parking placard and/or registration plate and who has been issued a handicapped placard or plate.

HANDICAPPED PLACARDS OR PLATES — A placard or plate issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, or another state, identified as a person with a disability parking placard and/or registration plate, a temporary person with a disability parking placard or a severely disabled veteran parking placard and/or registration plate.

HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE — A parking space on a street, roadway or highway reserved for vehicles which bear handicapped placards or plates.

§ 233-33. Handicapped parking restricted.

- A. Authority to designate handicapped parking. At the request of a handicapped person, the Board of Commissioners, in its discretion, may by resolution designate a parking space on street, roadway or highway, as close as possible to the handicapped person’s place of residence, reserved for vehicles which bear handicapped placards or plates. The resolution shall state whether or not the space is reserved to a specific license plate and whether or not vehicles violating the reservation shall be subject to towing. In determining whether to designate a handicapped parking space, or the location of such a space, the Board of Commissioners may rely on the advice and recommendations of the Director of Public Works, the Chief of Police and/or the Township Manager.
- B. Handicapped parking signs. Upon a Board of Commission resolution designating a handicapped parking space, the Director of Public Works shall cause to be erected signs designating the handicapped parking space, using the international symbol for access for persons with disabilities, and if towing is authorized by resolution for that handicapped parking space, a sign indicating that vehicles in violation of the handicapped parking restrictions may be towed.

C. It shall be unlawful for any person to park in a handicapped parking space unless the vehicle is equipped with a handicapped parking placard or plate.

§ 233-34. Enforcement.

Officers of the Upper Dublin Township Police Department are hereby authorized to enforce the provisions of this Article.

§ 233-35. Violations and penalties.

Any person who shall violate the provisions of this Article shall be guilty of a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$200. In addition, if the handicapped parking space was posted with a sign saying an unlawfully parked vehicle may be towed, the unlawfully parked vehicle may be towed and the towed vehicle may be reclaimed by its owner upon payment of the towing costs.

Section 2. Nothing in this Ordinance or in Chapter 233 of the Code of Upper Dublin Township, as hereby amended, shall be construed to affect any suit or proceedings in any Court, any rights acquired or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action existing under the said Chapter 233 prior to the adoption of this amendment.

Section 3. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if any section, sentence, clause, part, or provision thereof shall be held illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision of said Court shall not affect or impair the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, parts or provisions of this ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Board that this ordinance would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional section, sentence, clause, part, or provision had not been included herein.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval as required by law.

Approved by the Board this 12 day of May, 2026.

UPPER DUBLIN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: 

Ira S. Tackel, President

ATTEST:


Jonathan Bleemer, Secretary