

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR – IT’S THE LAW!

THE FOLLOWING ARE A LIST OF BETHLEHEM CITY ORDINANCES AND STATE LAWS THAT WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED BY THE BETHLEHEM POLICE DEPARTMENT TO HELP ENHANCE THE “QUALITY OF LIFE” IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

705.01 DISORDERLY CONDUCT; PEACE DISTURBANCE.

Whoever willfully makes or causes to be made any loud, boisterous and unseemly noise or disturbance to the annoyance of the peaceable residents nearby, or near to any public highway, road, street, lane, alley, park, square or common, whereby the public peace is broken or disturbed or the traveling public is annoyed, is guilty of the offense of disorderly conduct. (Ord. 1786/2. Passed 12/27/1962)

705.04 DISORDERLY HOUSES.

No person shall visit, occupy or frequent any house or building of any sort or description in the City, and behave therein in a loud, tumultuous or disorderly manner to the disturbance of the peaceable residents nearby. (Ord. 3009/1 Passed 9/3/1985)

931.02 RESPONSIBILITY OF SOLID WASTE SERVICES

Owners of dwellings are responsible for preventing accumulation of waste on their properties and for violations and for violations of City ordinances or regulations dealing with storage of solid waste. All owners of dwellings shall provide for solid waste removal services by a licensed waste hauler. The responsibility imposed upon owners of dwellings by this section may not be satisfied by delegation to tenants, lessees, householders, or any other person. (Ord. 3401 – Passed 3/5/91.)

931.04 PLACEMENT OF CONTAINERS

No property owner, lessee, tenant, householder or any other person shall deposit, throw, place or cause to be deposited, thrown or placed, any Municipal Waste on any street, private alley or vacant lot within the City Limits.

- (a) No person shall place receptacles or containers for ashes, rubbish, manure or garbage on any street, private alley, public right-of-way, or vacant lot. Containers and receptacles may be kept and stored anywhere on the customer’s property except:
 - (1) No containers or receptacles shall be stored or kept in the front of the building.

721.02 REMOVAL OF SNOW, ICE OR RUBBISH.

No person owning, controlling or occupying any lot adjoining or fronting upon any of the streets, lanes or alleys in the City shall ALLOW OR PERMIT ANY MUD, SAND, GRAVEL, LEAVES, SNOW ICE OR OTHER RUBBISH of any sort or description to be or remain upon the pavements, sidewalks or footways in front of or adjoining such lot for a period longer than twenty-four hours after the rain, snow, sleet or hail which is the cause thereof has ceased to fall or after the same has been deposited therein in any manner.

951.10 LITTERING

All refuse; rubbish and litter shall be placed in receptacles provided for that purpose.

701.03 SCATTERING ADVERTISEMENTS, WASTE PAPER, SAMPLES.

No person shall cast or place in the streets of the City, or on the pavements, sidewalks or footways thereof, or into the vestibules, yards or upon the porches of any dwelling or other outbuilding within the City, any papers advertisements, handbills, circulars, waste papers or samples of any description. Nothing herein contained shall be held to apply to newspapers, mailed matter and addressed envelopes. (1946 Code C 1918.)

717.01 (A) UNNECESSARY NOISES A NUISANCE

The making of unnecessary noises upon, near or adjacent to the streets and other public places in the City by automobile horns, engine whistles, bells, sirens, radios, amplifying systems or otherwise, is otherwise declared to be public nuisance. The making of more than one false alarm within twenty-four (24) hours by a car alarm is declared to be public nuisance. The enumeration of the particular offenses hereinafter particularly defined shall not be construed as limiting the generality of this section or limiting the offense hereunder to the particular offenses hereinafter enumerated.

717.01 (B) SOUND REPRODUCTION DEVICES

- (1) No person shall operate or allow to be operated a radio, stereo, boom box, tape and /or CD player or any other type of sound reproduction device in any area within the City at a sound level which is audible at a distance of greater than forty (40) feet from the location of any such sound reproduction device.
- (2) No person, while residing or occupying or present in a dwelling, building or other structure, or while driving, occupying or in control of any moving vehicle or parked vehicle, or otherwise, shall operate or allow to be operated a radio, stereo, boom box, tape and/or CD player or any type of sound reproduction.

5505. PUBLIC DRUNKENNESS.

A person is guilty of a summary offense if he appears in any public place manifestly under the influence of alcohol to the degree that he may endanger himself or other persons or property, or annoy persons in his vicinity.

6308. PURCHASE, CONSUMPTION, POSSESSION OR TRANSPORTATION OF LIQUOR OR MALT OR BREWED BEVERAGES.

- (a) Offense defined – A person commits a summary offense if he, being less than 21 years of age, attempts to purchase, purchases, consumes, posses or knowingly and intentionally transports any liquor or malt or brewed beverages, as defined in section 6310.6 (relating to definitions).
- (b) Penalty. – In addition to the penalty imposed pursuant to section 6310.4 (relating to restriction of operating privileges), a person convicted of violating subsection (a) may be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$500 for the second and each subsequent violation.

701.99 PENALTY

Any person who violates any provision of this Article shall be subject to the following penalties:

- (a) First violation - A fine of \$100, or thirty days imprisonment, or both;
 - (b) Second violation – A fine of \$300, or sixty days imprisonment, or both;
- Third and each subsequent violation – A fine of \$600, or ninety days imprisonment, or both.