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General References

Snow and ice removal – See Chapter 69.

Unlicensed or unregistered vehicles – See Chapter 78.

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Snow Emergency Plan
[Adopted 3-6-79 as Ord. No. 1-79]

§ 77-1. Definitions.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following terms have the meanings indicated:

SNOW TIRES- Tires that are in a good state of repair, and:

- A. ¹Are normally designated by the manufacturer as snow tires; or
- B. Have antiskid patterns cut into the treaded surfaces to form bars, buttons or blocks especially designed to give effective traction on snow or ice-covered highways.

§ 77-2. Designation of snow emergency routes; signs.

The Commissioners of the Town of Perryville may designate, as they deem appropriate, any town street as snow emergency route.² When a street is so designated, appropriate signs indicating this designation shall be placed along said street.

§ 77-3. Declaration of snow emergency; duration.

The President of the Commissioners of Perryville or his representative may declare a snow emergency for all snow emergency routes as a whole or for any one (1) or more snow emergency routes, as he deems necessary. The snow emergency shall continue into effect until the President or his representative declares it to be no longer necessary. The President or his representative may declare which phase of the snow emergency plan, as defined below, shall be placed into effect and which phase of the plan shall be removed from effect as he deems necessary.

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¹ Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code; see Chapter 1, General Provisions, Art. I.

² Editor's Note: The following is the text of a resolution adopted 3-6-79, designating certain streets as snow emergency routes:

"BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Perryville that the following streets shall be designated as snow emergency routes within the Town of Perryville from and after the date of this Resolution:

Susquehanna Avenue
Otsego Street from Aiken Avenue to Front Street
Broad Street
Aiken Avenue
Cedar Corner Road

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED "that each snow emergency route as designated above shall be posted with appropriate signs indicating said street is a snow emergency route with at least one sign posted at each end of each street designated as a snow emergency route."

§ 77-4. Phase 1 of plan.

If the President or his representative declares Phase 1 of the snow emergency plan to be in effect, a person may not drive or attempt to drive a motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, on any street that is designated and appropriately posted as a snow emergency route and for which a snow emergency has been declared and is in effect, unless the vehicle is equipped with chains or snow tires on at least one (1) wheel at each end of a drive axle.

§ 77-5. Phase 2 of plan.

If the President or his representative declares Phase 2 of the snow emergency plan to be in effect, a person may not park a vehicle on any street that is designated and appropriately posted as a snow emergency and for which a snow emergency has been declared and is in effect. The State Police or the police of any political subdivision of the State of Maryland which has jurisdiction in the Town of Perryville may have any vehicle parked in violation of this subsection towed from the highway at the owner's expense.

§ 77-6. Violations and penalties.³

Any person who violates any provision of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be guilty of an infraction and shall be subject to a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.) for the first offense and fifty dollars (\$50.) for each subsequent offense.

ARTICLE II

Operation of Motor Vehicles

[Adopted 3-28-60 as Ord. No. 5]

§ 77-7. Restrictions.

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- A. It shall be unlawful for anyone to operate a motor vehicle on any of the streets within the corporate limits of said town at a speed in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour.
- B. It shall be unlawful for anyone operating a motor vehicle within the corporate limits of said town of the Town of Perryville not to come to a full stop at all intersections at which stop signs have been erected by the Commissioners of Perryville.
- C. It shall be unlawful for anyone to operate a motor vehicle on any of the streets within the corporate limits of said town in a careless and reckless manner, and any motor vehicle being so operated that its tires squeal when turning a corner or any motor vehicle being operated so that it causes excessive and unreasonable noises as a result of cutouts and the like and any motor vehicle being operated at a speed greater than the speed limit fixed by the Commissioners of Perryville or the motor vehicle laws of the State of Maryland or any motor vehicle engaged in a race with another motor vehicle upon the streets of said town shall be deemed to be operated in a careless and reckless manner.
- D. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to leave parked overnight on any of the streets of said town a tractor-trailer or any part thereof.
- E. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to park any motor vehicle on the sidewalks of said town.
- F. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to park any motor vehicle opposite a yellow line painted upon the sidewalks or curb within the town by authority of the commissioners of said town.
- G. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to double-park any motor vehicle on the streets of said town.
- H. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to park a motor vehicle within fifteen (15) feet of a fireplug or within fifteen (15) feet of a corner or intersection of streets in said town.
- I. It shall be unlawful to park in a handicapped zone. **[Amended 3-6-1990 by Ord. No. 90-3].**
- J. It shall be unlawful for commercial patrons to park in designated residential zones. **[Amended 3-6-1990 by Ord. No. 90-3]**
- K. It shall be unlawful to park on any street so as to block entrance to or access from public or private drives or driveways. If access is blocked for more than fifteen (15) minutes the vehicle may be towed at the owner's expense. **[Added 3-6-1990 by Ord. No. 90-3; Amended 5-5-2009 by Ord. No. 2009-5]**

- L. It shall be unlawful to park further than twelve (12) inches, or outside designated parking lines, from any curb or from the edge of the pavement of any paved street. **[Added 3-6-1990 by Ord. No. 90-3; Amended 5-5-2009 by Ord. No. 2009-5]**
- M. It shall be unlawful to park in any area where a sign designates said area to be a no-parking zone. **[Added 3-6-1990 by Ord. No. 90-3]**
- N. It shall be unlawful to park on the side of any street facing in a direction opposite to the direction traffic travels on the side of the street upon which the vehicle is parked. **[Added 3-6-1990 by Ord. No. 90-3]**
- O. It shall be unlawful to park in any designated fire lane. Fire lanes may be designated by the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Perryville by resolution. Upon creation of a fire lane, said area shall be marked by appropriate signs. **[Added 6-4-1991 by Ord. No. 91-3]**

§ 77-8. Violations and penalties. [Amended 3-6-1990 by Ord. No. 90-3; Amended 3-1-97 by Ord. 97-1; Amended 5-5-2009 by Ord. No. 2009-5]

All fines and penalties for violations of any provisions of this Chapter shall be established by the Mayor and Commissioners by resolution.

In the event any person, firm, or corporation shall fail to timely pay the fines enumerated herein notice of such non-payment shall be forwarded to the Maryland Department of Motor Vehicles and a “flag” will be placed on the registration of the vehicle preventing renewal of registration.

Any person, firm, or corporation issued a citation for violation of any provision hereof may elect to stand trial by notifying the Town of Perryville in writing of the person’s intent to stand trial. Written notice shall be given to the Town at least five (5) days prior to the date payment is due as provided herein. Notice to the Town shall include the name of the person, firm or corporation, address, phone number, and ticket number.

ARTICLE III
Truck Travel Limitations

[Adopted 1-5-2016 by Ord. 2015-17, adding Article III. Truck Travel Limitations Sections 77-9 through 77-11]

§ 77-9. Limitation on Truck Travel

- A. For purposes of this article a truck is a motor vehicle that has a gross vehicle weight more than 23,000 pounds.

- B. A person may not operate a truck on Otsego Street and Aiken Avenue Extended in the Town of Perryville except if the truck is:
1. An emergency vehicle providing emergency service to person or property within the Town of Perryville;
 2. Engaged in the repair, construction or maintenance of roads or utilities in the Town of Perryville;
 3. Providing trash or refuse collection services to residents or businesses in the Town of Perryville;
 4. Making a pick-up, delivery or service call, or engaging in construction activities, to a residence or business on Otsego Street or on a street that feeds into Otsego Street; or
 5. Making a pick-up, delivery or service call, or engaging in construction activities, to a residence on Aiken Avenue Extended or on a street that feeds into Aiken Avenue Extended.
- C. The Town Administrator shall provide for the erection and maintenance of signs along Otsego Street and Aiken Avenue Extended giving notice of the truck travel restrictions of this section.

§ 77-10. Designation of Truck Routes.

The following streets are the designated truck routes within the Town of Perryville:

- A. U.S. ROUTE 40;
- B. MARYLAND ROUTE 222;
- C. COUDON BOULEVARD;
- D. BROAD STREET;
- E. MARYLAND ROUTE 7;
- F. MARION TAPP PARKWAY UP TO THE ENTRANCE TO THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION PROPERTY; AND
- G. MARYLAND ROUTE 327.

§ 77-11. Penalties.

A person who operates a truck in violation of section 77-9 is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine in the amount of \$100 for the first offense, \$250 for the second offense, and \$500 for the third and each subsequent offense.

ARTICLE IV Speed Monitoring Systems

[Adopted 1-4-2022 by Ord. 2021-12, adding Article IV. Speed Monitoring Systems Sections 77-12]

§ 77-12 School Zone Speed Monitoring Systems Authorized.

(A) Terms used in this section that are defined in Transportation Article, § 21-809, of the Maryland Annotated Code, as amended from time to time, shall have the same meanings in this section.

(B) The Town may use a speed monitoring system to monitor and enforce speed limit restrictions, including the issuance of citations, within the school zones designated in subsection (e) of this section where the posted maximum speed is at least 20 miles per hour. The locations in school zones within which speed monitoring systems are used from time to time shall be determined by the Town's Chief of Police.

(C) The Town shall use speed monitoring systems for the monitoring and enforcement of speed limit restrictions in accordance with the requirements set forth in Transportation Article, § 21-809, of the Maryland Annotated Code, as amended from time to time, and other applicable law.

(D) The Town may contract with a speed monitoring system operator to provide and maintain a speed monitoring system in the town in accordance with the requirements set forth in Transportation Article, § 21-809, of the Maryland Annotated Code, as amended from time to time, and other applicable law.

(E) The use of speed monitoring systems is authorized in the following school zones. The maximum speed limit within all school zones is set at 20 miles per hour unless otherwise stated
Below:

(1) Perryville Elementary School Zone. The limits of this school zone, and the maximum speed limits within this zone, are as follows:

- a. Aiken Avenue from Pulaski Highway to Broad Street, maximum speed set at 25 miles per hour.

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- b. Broad Street from Principio Furnace Road to Maryland Avenue, maximum speed set at 40 miles per hour.
- c. Broad Street from Maryland Avenue to Aiken Avenue, maximum speed set at 30 miles per hour.

(2) Perryville Middle School Zone. The limits of this school zone, and the maximum speed limits within this zone, are as follows:

- A. Aiken Avenue from Pulaski Highway to Broad Street, maximum speed set at 25 miles per hour.
- B. Broad Street from Principio Furnace Road to Maryland Avenue, maximum speed set at 40 miles per hour.
- C. Broad Street from Maryland Avenue to Aiken Avenue, maximum speed set at 30 miles per hour.

(3) Good Shepherd Catholic School zone. The limits of this school zone and the maximum speed limits within this zone, are as follows:

- A. Aiken Avenue from Pulaski Highway to Broad Street, maximum speed set at 25 miles per hour.
- B. Broad Street from Principio Furnace Road to Maryland Avenue, maximum speed set at 40 miles per hour.
- C. Broad Street from Maryland Avenue to Aiken Avenue, maximum speed set at 30 miles per hour.

(F) Violations.

(1) The civil penalty associated with a citation issued through the use of a speed monitoring system is forty dollars (\$40.00).

(2) If the Town moves or places a speed monitoring system to or at a location where a speed monitoring system had not previously been moved or placed, the Town may not issue a citation for a violation recorded by that speed monitoring system:

- a. Until signage is installed in accordance with subsection (G) of this section; and
- b. For at least the first fifteen (15) calendar days after the signage is installed.

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(G) Notice. Before activating a speed monitoring system, the Town shall:

(1) Publish notice of the location of the speed monitoring system on its website and in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town; and

(2) Ensure that each sign that designates a school zone is proximate to a sign that:

a. Indicates that speed monitoring systems are in use in the school zone; and

b. Is in accordance with the manual for and the specifications for a uniform system of traffic control devices adopted by the State Highway Administration under section 25-104 of the Transportation Article, Maryland Annotated Code.