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#### **CLEAN AND SAFE STREETS**

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# Traffic Engineering Division



A guide to services and useful contact information

### STREETS DEPARTMENT

## **Traffic Engineering Division**

The Traffic Engineering Division is responsible for all traffic control devices on surface streets in the City of Philadelphia. This includes approximately:



1,975 miles of city streets 353 miles of state highways 2,950 signalized intersections 3,000 all-way stop intersections 15,000 conventional stop intersections

Our services range from parking concerns on the smallest local street to the safe and efficient movement of over 95,000 vehicles/day on a 12-lane boulevard with 60 signalized intersections.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. Contact the Streets Department's Customer Affairs Unit at 215-686-5560 between 8:00 AM and 5:30 PM when:
  - A traffic sign/street name sign is missing.
  - The white/yellow paint lines or crosswalks on the street are missing or faded.
  - Parked cars are blocking a driveway. Request a Driveway Paint Permit. Provide your name and address and an application will be mailed to you.
  - A traffic signal is malfunctioning, turned, out, knocked down, or otherwise needs repair (after 5:30 PM, call 911).
- 2. Contact the Philadelphia Parking Authority for information when you need:
  - Signs for Loading Zones (215-683-9742).
  - Signs for Handicap Parking (215-683-9736).
  - Signs for Limited Time Parking (215-683-9736, you will be directed from there according to your area of the City).
  - Residential permit parking (215-683-9730).
- 3. Please write to:

Chief Traffic Engineer Streets Department Room 980 – Municipal Services Building 1401 J.F.K. Blvd. Philadelphia, PA 19102

- When an All-Way Stop sign may be needed. Your request will be acknowledged and a study will commence. We are obligated by the results of the study.
- When you wish to prohibit trucks from parking on a residential street.
- When there may be a need to install or change a traffic signal installed (e.g., more green time, an arrow, etc.).



- You wish to change the direction of traffic on your street. Upon receipt of the request from Council, the Streets Department's Traffic Division will investigate the effect on safety and circulation.
- Requesting flashing lights for your child's school. The school principal should request an application.



- 5. Contact the Streets Department's Traffic Division at 215-686-5525, no later that 3:00 PM the business day prior to your need when:
  - You wish to temporarily prohibit parking for moving, construction work, delivery, etc.

Contact the Streets Department's Traffic Division 6. at 215-686-5524 or Highway Division at 215-686-5500 when:

• You wish to start the permit process to block the street and sidewalk. You will need to explain why, how long, and when.



7. Please write to:

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• When you wish to request information regarding the existing regulations for a traffic/parking ticket you received. Describe what you wish to know, including the location where the incident occurred and include a copy of the citation.

