City of Lancaster

BUREAU OF POLICE

GUIDELINES FOR DEMONSTRATIONS

The safety of our residents, visitors, businesses, pedestrians and motorists is paramount. We provide these guidelines to help ensure that demonstrations are conducted in a safe, peaceful and lawful manner to help ensure the safety of everyone, including those demonstrating. Please review and follow the following guidelines. We appreciate your cooperation.

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1. Organizations and individuals have the lawful right to picket or demonstrate if done in a lawful manner.

2. All persons must remain orderly at all times.

3. Demonstrators shall not block the sidewalks, streets or private driveways, or entrances to any private or public place. This includes any vehicles being driven by protestors. All individuals and vehicles must obey all traffic laws, as well as other applicable laws.

4. Demonstrators should not prevent anyone from entering or leaving a place, if they wish to do so, nor will they threaten them with bodily harm.

5. Demonstrators may speak to people entering or leaving a place and may pass out leaflets and or pamphlets.

6. Every organization demonstrating should have a point of contact, one easily identifiable person, who will act as a liaison between the Lancaster Bureau of Police and the group.

7. The party being demonstrated against has the obligation to sign the criminal complaint if a violation of the law occurs on private property.

8. Where the event being protested is a permitted event, the permit holder may exclude demonstrators from being within the permitted area. Demonstrators may, however, continue their demonstrations outside of the permitted area provided their demonstrations are conducted in a lawful manner.

9. It shall be the duty of the police agencies involved to protect the rights of all persons (picketers, demonstrators, non-demonstrators) at the scene of a picket or demonstration.

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