

ORDINANCE NO. 204

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO PROHIBIT COMMERCIAL TRUCK TRAFFIC ON THE PORTIONS OF DRIFTING DRIVE AND SPRINGTOWN HILL ROAD IN SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1506 of the Second Class Township Code, the Board of Supervisors may make and adopt any ordinances necessary for the health and welfare of the Township and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1527 of the Second Class Township Code, the Board of Supervisors may adopt ordinances to secure the safety of persons or property within the Township; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 75 Pa. C.S. §6109(a)(7), the Board of Supervisors of Springfield Township has the authority to prohibit or restrict the use of highways by particular classes of vehicles whenever the highway or portion of the highway may be seriously damaged by the use of such vehicles or when the movement of the vehicles would constitute a safety hazard; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 67 Pa. Code §212.117(c), Springfield Township's Engineer, Timothy A. Fulmer of Wynn Associates, Inc. performed engineering evaluations of Drifting Drive and Springtown Hill Road and determined that due to inadequate horizontal width, insufficient shoulders, steep slopes, inadequate drainage swales and sharp curves, truck traffic should be prohibited on both Drifting Drive and Springtown Hill Road; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds it is in the interests of the Township and of its citizens to prohibit truck traffic on Drifting Drive and Springtown Hill Road in Springfield Township for the safety of motorists and preservation of the roads.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of Springfield Township, in consideration of the foregoing, and the exercise of the police power, and in order to protect the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of Springfield Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, does hereby **ENACT** and **ORDAIN** as follows:

Section 1. Definitions and Interpretations

a. Words and phrases contained within this Ordinance, except where otherwise specifically provided, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, 75 Pa. C.S. §101 et. seq.

b. In this Ordinance, the singular shall include the plural, the plural shall include the singular and masculine shall include the feminine.

Section 2. Regulation of Length of Vehicles Utilizing Drifting Drive and Springtown Hill Road

It shall be unlawful for any trucks or truck/trailer combinations in excess of 22 feet in length to utilize the portions of Drifting Drive and Springtown Hill Road within Springfield Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, with the exception of local deliveries and pickups.

Section 3. Temporary and Emergency Suspensions.

The Township Supervisors or the Chief of Police shall have the power to temporarily suspend this Ordinance in the time of an emergency.

Section 4. Signage

Springfield Township shall, upon the passage of this Ordinance and prior to enforcement, ensure that proper signage is installed to provide proper notification to all vehicular traffic of this size/length limitation on Drifting Drive and Springtown Hill Road.

Section 5. Authority of Police

Springfield Township police officers and the Pennsylvania State Police shall have authority to enforce this Ordinance.

Section 6. Violations

Any person who violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25) and not more than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) together with any court costs associated with the case.

Section 7. Severability

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. Should any part of the Ordinance be declared by final court order to be illegal or otherwise invalid, the balance of the Ordinance shall be unaffected by such declaration.

Section 8. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days following its enactment.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this _____ day of _____, 2023.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

ATTEST:

Richard Purcell, Township Manager

Anthony Matzura, Chairman

Raymond Kade, Vice-Chair

James Hopkins, Member

James Nilsen, Member

Bill Ryker, Member