

ORDINANCE NO. 206

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, BUCKS COUNTY, ESTABLISHING A TWENTY-FIVE MILE PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT ON BUCKWAMPUM ROAD IN SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Springfield Township has the authority to enact maximum speed limits on local roads pursuant to the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.A. §6109);

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code provides that the Board may do so without the requirement of having an engineering and traffic investigation performed where it is establishing a speed limit pursuant to Section 3362(a)(1.2)) (75 Pa.C.S.A. Section 6109(e));

WHEREAS, the maximum speed limit in a residential district of a non-numbered traffic route functionally classified as a local highway is twenty-five (25) miles per hour pursuant to the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code (75 Pa.C.S.A. Section 3362(a)(1.2)) when the local road is properly posted; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds it is in the interests of the Township and of its citizens to establish the maximum speed limit on Buckwampum Road in Springfield Township which is in a residential district and is a non-numbered traffic route functionally classified as a local highway at twenty-five (25) miles per hour.

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 01. Maximum Speed Limit.

A. Except as others provided in Section 02 hereinafter, it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to drive or operate any truck, passenger car, motorcycle or other automobile or motor vehicle at a speed in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour on Buckwampum Road within Springfield Township.

B. The Township Road Superintendent is hereby authorized and directed to erect official signs giving notice of the maximum twenty-five (25) mile per hour speed limitation on Buckwampum Road, in accordance with Section 3362(b) of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code.

C. The twenty-five (25) mile per hour speed limit shall become effective upon the posting of twenty-five (25) mile per hour speed limit signage as required by the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code.

Section 02. Exemptions to the Maximum Speed Limit.

The speed limitation set forth in this Ordinance shall not apply to vehicles, when operated with due regard for safety, under the direction of the police in the chase or apprehension of violators of the law, or of person charged with or suspected of any such violation, nor to vehicles responding to a fire alarm, nor to ambulances when traveling in emergencies. The exemption shall not, however protect the driver of any such vehicle from the consequences of reckless disregard of the safety of others.

Section 03. Enforcement.

Enforcement of this Ordinance shall be pursuant to the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code and all fines levied for violations thereunder shall be payable to the Township of Springfield.

Section 04. Repealer.

All inconsistent provisions of all other Ordinances and Resolutions of Springfield Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania are hereby repealed to the extent of the inconsistency. All other provisions of the Ordinances and Resolutions of Springfield Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 05. Severability.

The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall have no effect on the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 06. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect five (5) days from the date of enactment by the Springfield Township Board of Supervisors.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into Ordinance this _____ day of _____, 2023.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP**

Anthony Matzura, Chairman

ATTEST:

Richard Pursell, Township Manager

Raymond Kade, Vice-Chair

James Hopkins, Member

James Nilsen, Member

Bill Ryker, Member