

Ordinance No. 2023-207

AN ORDINANCE OF SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING A FOUR WAY STOP INTERSECTION AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF PEPPERMINT ROAD AND PARKLAND ROAD AND PEPPERMINT ROAD AND DEER TRAIL ROAD AND ESTABLISHING A SPEED LIMIT OF 35 MPH ON PEPPERMINT ROAD BETWEEN PARKLAND ROAD AND RICHLANDTOWN PIKE

WHEREAS, the intersections of Peppermint Road and Parkland Road and Peppermint Road and Deer Trail Road are located in Springfield Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Peppermint Road, Parkland Road and Deer Trail Road are local roads; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to sections 607 and 1506 of the Second Class Township Code (53 P.S. §§ 65607, 66506) the Board of Supervisors of Townships are charged with the general governance of the Township in order to, among other things, secure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Township and may adopt any ordinances, bylaws, rules and regulations necessary therefore, so long as they are not inconsistent with or restrained by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Section 2327 of the Second Class Township Code (53 P.S. §67327) authorizes the Board of Supervisors to regulate traffic signals on public roads within the Township by Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Township within its boundaries is authorized to act by Ordinance to install stop signs pursuant to the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, 75 Pa.C.S. §§ 6102, 6109; and

WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation ("PaDOT") is authorized to adopt rules and regulations pursuant to the vehicle code. 75 Pa.C.S. § 6103; and

WHEREAS, PennDOT may establish by rule and regulation the particular actions which require traffic and engineering investigation and the manner in which traffic and engineering investigations shall be carried out. 75 Pa.C.S. § 6105; and

WHEREAS, action by local authorities under 75 Pa.C.S. § 6109 shall be taken only after completing an engineering and traffic investigation when and in such manner as required by regulations promulgated by PaDOT. 75 Pa.C.S. § 6109; and

WHEREAS, new restrictions concerning the approval, location, and installation, of all traffic signs are warranted if one or more of the engineering and traffic study warrants justifies the traffic restriction, or sound engineering judgment based upon a combination of all data sources substantiates the need for the restriction. 67 Pa. Code § 212.4; and

WHEREAS, the Springfield Township Police Department performed a traffic engineering and safety study dated August 16, 2023 of Peppermint Road and Parkland Road

intersection and Peppermint Road and Deer Trail Road intersection in Springfield, Bucks County, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, based on review of applicable criterion of the traffic engineering and safety study the Police Department concluded that a four way stop at the intersection of Peppermint Road and Parkland Road and Peppermint Road and Deer Trail Road is necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Springfield Township has determined that to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the citizens of the Township and other persons traveling at or near the intersection of Peppermint Road and Parkland Road and Deer Trail Road that the Board desires to establish, to the extent within the boundaries of Springfield Township, a multiway stop sign at the intersection as recommended in the traffic engineering and safety study; and

WHEREAS, on or about August 9, 2023, the Police Department also performed a Speed Restrictions Engineering and Traffic Study of Peppermint Road between Richlandtown Pike and Parkland Road; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield has received the results of an engineering and traffic investigation undertaken in accordance with the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code Sections 6109(a), 3362 and 3363, and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Regulations found in 67 Pennsylvania Code, Chapter 20;

WHEREAS, as a result of said engineering and traffic study and investigation, it has been determined that the maximum speed limit for Peppermint Road should be established at thirty-five (35) miles per hour between Richlandtown Pike and Parkland Road; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Springfield Township finds it is in the interest of the Township to establish the maximum speed limit of thirty-five (35) miles per hour on Peppermint Road between Richlandtown Pike and Parkland Road to protect the health safety and general welfare of the citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Board of Supervisors of Springfield Township, after public hearing duly advertised and held on the _____ day of _____, 20____, as follows:

SECTION 1 STOP SIGNS

Based upon the Engineering Investigation, the intersections of Peppermint Road and Parkland Road and Peppermint Road and Deer Trail Road within Springfield Township is declared to be stop intersection pursuant to the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code such that stop signs will be installed at all four locations of the intersections of these roads.

**SECTION 2
POSTING**

The appropriate officials of Springfield Township are hereby authorized to post the stop signs and make pavement markings in accordance with the traffic and engineering study within Springfield Township.

**SECTION 3
MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT**

A. Except as others provided in Section 4 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 thirty-five (35) miles per hour on Peppermint Road between Richlandtown Pike and Parkland Road within Springfield Township.

B. The Township Road Superintendent is hereby authorized and directed to erect official signs giving notice of the maximum thirty-five (35) mile per hour speed limitation on Peppermint Road between Richlandtown Pike and Parkland Road, in accordance with Section 3362(b) of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code.

C. The thirty-five (35) mile per hour speed limit shall become effective upon the posting of the thirty-five (35) mile per hour speed limit signage as required by the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code.

**SECTION 4
EXEMPTIONS TO THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT**

The speed limitations 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 5
ENFORCEMENT**

Any person who shall violate any provision of this Ordinance shall be subject to such fines and penalties as are established under the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, PA. C.S.A. Title 75, as amended.

**SECTION 6
SEVERABILITY**

If any sentence, clause, section, or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of this Ordinance.

It is hereby declared as the intent of the Springfield Board of Supervisors that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herein.

**SECTION 7
REPEALER**

All Ordinances, or parts of Ordinances, inconsistent herewith, be and the same are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 8
EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall become effective and enforceable five (5) days from the date hereof.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2023.

ATTEST:

Richard Pursell, Township Manager

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