

**MONROE TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY**

**ORDINANCE NO. O-11-2018-043**

**ORDINANCE OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
AMENDING CHAPTER 122 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE  
ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC", SPECIFICALLY SECTION 44.1  
ENTITLED "SCHEDULE XVA: SPEED LIMITS"**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 122-44.1. entitled "Schedule XVA" of the Code of the Township of Monroe, which Section establishes "Speed Limits" within the Township of Monroe shall be amended as follows: (new text is in **red and underlined**, text to be deleted is ~~struck~~)

<u>NAME OF STREET</u>	<u>SPEED LIMIT (mph)</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Cranbury Station - Union Valley Road, Union Valley - Half Acre Road, Jamesburg - Half Acre Road (County Road <del>615</del> <b><u>5-R-1</u></b> ) [Added 6-3-81 by Ord. No. 13-81]	<del>50</del>  <b><u>40</u></b>	Both directions over the entire roadway extending the distance of the Township corporate boundary lines

**SECTION 2.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION 3.** If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.


**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance shall take effect twenty days after final passage, adoption and publication according to law.

  
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 STEPHEN DALINA, Council President

<b>RECORDED VOTE – INTRODUCTION – November 7, 2018</b>						
<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MOTION</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>Councilman Baskin</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilwoman Cohen</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>			
<b>Councilman Dipierro</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Council V. President Schneider</b>			<b>X</b>			
<b>Council President Dalina</b>			<b>X</b>			

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Monroe Township Council held on November 7, 2018. Said Ordinance will again be read and considered for final passage at the next scheduled meeting of the Monroe Township Council to be held on December 3, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Monroe Township Municipal Building, 1 Municipal Plaza, Monroe Township, New Jersey 08831. At said time and place all persons having an interest in the foregoing Ordinance will be granted an opportunity to be heard concerning the same prior to consideration for final passage by the Council.

  
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 PATRICIA REID, Township Clerk

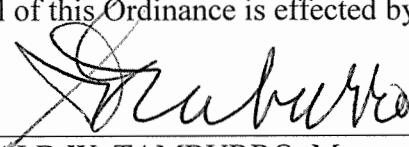
RECORDED VOTE – SECOND READING & FINAL ADOPTION– December 3, 2018						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Baskin			X			
Councilwoman Cohen	X		X			
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**MAYORAL APPROVAL**

By virtue of the Optional Municipal Charter Law of 1950 and Chapter 3, Section 19 of the Code of the Township of Monroe, my approval of this Ordinance is effected by the affixing of my signature hereto.



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GERALD W. TAMBURRO, Mayor

Date signed: 12/4/18



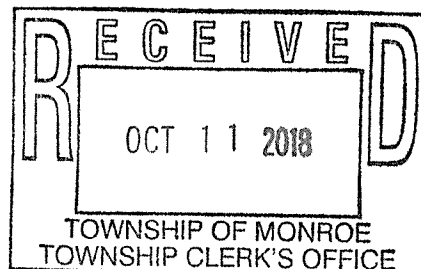
*Township of Monroe*  
County of Middlesex

**MICHAEL E. LLOYD**  
Chief of Police

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE:  
Municipal Complex  
3 Municipal Plaza  
Monroe Township, NJ 08831

October 11, 2018

Mrs. Patricia Reid  
Monroe Township Clerk  
1 Municipal Plaza  
Monroe Township, NJ 08831



**Re: Speed Reduction – CR 615**

Dear Mrs. Reid,

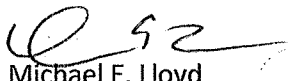
Sergeant Jangols, of the Traffic Safety Bureau, was assigned the task of measuring the rates of speed and crash data for the entire span of County Route 615 after numerous complaints of speeding and crashes related to speed were received by our Department. He was able to gather the information and summarized it in the attached Special Report.

I believe that with the contour of the roadway, the numerous developments located along the route and with the potential of a Middle School being built, I believe it to be in the best interest of our residents to reduce the speed from 50 miles per hour to 40 miles per hour along the entire route. This would require modifying Ordinance 122-44.1.

I would request that this be presented to the Council for review and consideration.

Should you need any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
Michael E. Lloyd  
Chief of Police

Cc: Traffic Safety

**MONROE TOWNSHIP**  
**DEPARTMENT OF POLICE**  
**SPECIAL REPORT**

TO: Lieutenant Lisa Robinson  
FROM: Sergeant Sergeis Jangols  
DATE: 09/25/2018  
SUBJECT: County Route 615 - Speed Limit Change

Ma'am:

I am writing this Special Report in order to respectfully propose a speed limit reduction on County Route #615 (Cranbury Station Rd., Half Acre Rd., Union Valley Rd., and Union Valley-Half Acre Rd.). As per Monroe Twp. Ordinance 122-44.1, the current posted speed limit on the entire length of County Rt. #615 in Monroe Twp. is 50 mph.

The 50 mph speed limit was set in place back in 1981 when the roads were much more rural and did not have all the current developments on it, and the ones which were already built were not as populated. The following developments/communities are located off of County Rt. #615: Renaissance-Cranbury Crossings, Stratford at Monroe, Monroe Village, Greenbriar at Whittingham, Clearbrook, The Ponds, and Concordia.

There are also numerous streets that run off of County Rt. #615 which lead into residential developments. It was recently brought to my attention by several residents of Union Valley Rd. (who reside in the area of Old Church Rd.) that many motorists travel faster than the posted 50 mph speed limit on County Rt. #615. I was informed that due to the curves in the road, high volume of traffic, and the high-speed limit; at times it is very difficult for the residents to pull out of and into their own driveways. It is also difficult for the residents of the above stated communities and developments to enter County Rt. #615 from the side streets due to the traffic volume and speed of the vehicles traveling on County Rt. #615. I am also aware that in the near future a new Middle School will be built on the corner of Cranbury Station Rd. and Applegarth Rd.

Over the past several weeks I have been monitoring the traffic on Cranbury Station Rd., Half Acre Rd., Union Valley Rd., and Union Valley-Half Acre Rd. I also installed a Vehicle Trax Speed Counter on utility poles on Half Acre Rd. (Northbound) near the Whittingham Adult Community and on Union Valley Rd. (Eastbound) near the Monroe Twp. Utility Department.

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The speed counters collected data of the passing vehicles from 0600 hrs. on 09/18/2018 until 0700 hrs. on 09/21/2018. The speed counters provided me with the following data for the above stated time frame:

**HALF ACRE RD.:**                      **Total Vehicles:** 5973                      **85<sup>th</sup> Percentile Speed:** 48 MPH

**UNION VALLEY RD.:**                      **Total Vehicles:** 3424                      **85<sup>th</sup> Percentile Speed:** 44 MPH

(Please see the attached Speed Counter Trax Reports for additional information).

I have also reviewed the motor vehicle crash data for the last three years (September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 – September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018) on County Rt. #615 in Monroe Twp. I have reviewed a total of 105 crash reports. The following is the breakdown of the reported motor vehicle crashes:

**CRANBURY STATION RD.:**

<b>Total Reported Crashes:</b>	<b>19</b>
Crashes Involving Injuries:	6
Crashes Involving Fatalities:	0
Crashes Involving Deer:	2
Crashes Involving Only Property Damage:	11

**HALF ACRE RD.:**

<b>Total Reported Crashes:</b>	<b>33</b>
Crashes Involving Injuries:	11
Crashes Involving Fatalities:	1
Crashes Involving Deer:	7
Crashes Involving Only Property Damage:	14

**UNION VALLEY RD.:**

<b>Total Reported Crashes:</b>	<b>15</b>
Crashes Involving Injuries:	2
Crashes Involving Fatalities:	0
Crashes Involving Deer:	7
Crashes Involving Only Property Damage:	6

**UNION VALLEY HALF ACRE RD.:**

**Total Reported Crashes:** 38  
Crashes Involving Injuries: 9  
Crashes Involving Fatalities: 0  
Crashes Involving Deer: 5  
Crashes Involving Only Property Damage: 24

I have discussed this issue with Monroe Twp. Engineer Mark Rasimowicz and he is in agreement that the speed limit on the entire length of County Rt. #615 in Monroe Twp. should be reduced.

**Based on all of the above stated facts, I am respectfully recommending to reduce the speed limit on the entire length of County Rt. #615 in Monroe Twp. from 50 mph to 40 mph.** After this speed reduction recommendation is reviewed and if it is approved by Monroe Twp. Officials, this recommendation will need to be forwarded to the Middlesex County Engineer's Office since it is a County Roadway.

If approved, the speed limit on the following roads will need to be changed in the Monroe Twp. Ordinance:

- Half Acre Rd. (County Rt. #615) - From Forsgate Dr. to Prospect Plains Rd.
- Cranbury Station Rd. (County Rt. #615) - From Applegarth Rd. to the Cranbury Twp. border.
- Union Valley Rd. (County Rt. #615) - From Union Valley-Half Acre Rd. to Applegarth Rd.
- Union Valley-Half Acre Rd. (County Rt. #615) - From Prospect Plains Rd. to Union Valley Rd.

I believe that this speed limit reduction will make a safer environment for the vehicular and pedestrian traffic on County Rt. 615 and will make it much easier/safer for the residents to enter/exit the County Road from the developments, side roads, and driveways.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

*SP*  
*4/26/18*

Respectfully Submitted,



Sergeant Sergeis Jangols



# Township of Monroe

County of Middlesex

**MARK RASIMOWICZ, PE, PP, CME, CPWM**  
Township Engineer

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING  
481 Spotswood-Englishtown Road  
Monroe Township, New Jersey 08831  
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Wednesday, October 25, 2018

**Patricia Reid, RMC, Township Clerk**  
Municipal Complex  
1 Municipal Plaza  
Monroe Township, NJ 08831

**Re: Traffic, Speed Limit, Ordinance Revisions**

Dear Ms. Reid:

Following the evaluation, inspection and recommendation by the Monroe Township Police Department, I offer these recommendations to amend the Monroe Township Ordinance related to Speed Limits as described below:

**Ordinance # 122-44.1 Schedule XVA: Speed Limits**

Amend: Cranbury Station, Union Valley, Union Valley-Half Acre, Half Acre Road

Cranbury Station - Union Valley Road, Union Valley - Half Acre Road, Jamesburg - Half Acre Road (County Road 5-R-1) [Added 6-3-81 by Ord. No. 13-81]	<b>40</b>	Both directions over the entire roadway extending the distance of the Township corporate boundary lines
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This reduced speed recommendation takes into consideration the roadside development, accident experience, road geometry, number of driveways and traffic entering the road on all portions of this roadway. Under township ordinance, the last speed evaluation was in 1981 and the landscape of the road has changed significantly over time; thus, warranting this change. The potential of a middle school along this route only enhances my position and strengthens my recommendation for this reduction.

Please advise if you require additional information for any of these proposed changes.

Sincerely,

Mark Rasimowicz, PE, PP, CME, CPWM  
Township Engineer

Cc: Chief Mike Lloyd, MTPD  
Wayne Horbatt, DPW

Alan Weinberg, Business Administrator



# Township of Monroe

County of Middlesex

**PATRICIA REID**  
Township Clerk

Municipal Complex  
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## Affidavit of Publication

I, Patricia Reid, Township Clerk, of the Township of Monroe, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the attached legal notice is a true copy of such notice, which was published in the Home News Tribune, the official newspaper of Monroe Township and a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Middlesex on November 14, 2018.

*Patricia Reid*

Patricia Reid, Township Clerk

Ad Number: 0003250751

Run Dates: 11/14/18

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NOTICE OF PENDING  
ORDINANCE  
ORDINANCE NO.: O-11-2018-043

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The purpose of this Ordinance is to decrease the speed limit from 50 mph to 40 mph on Cranbury Station- Union Valley Road, Union Valley-Half Acre Road and Jamesburg-Half Acre Road (CR615) in both directions over the entire roadway extending the distance of the Township boundary lines.

The proposed Ordinance in its entirety can be viewed on the Township website, [www.monroetwp.com](http://www.monroetwp.com) and is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office. Copies may be obtained without charge between the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm. Monday through Friday.

Patricia Reid, Municipal Clerk  
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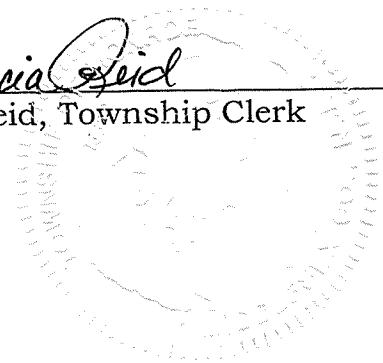
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Ad Number: 0003286290

Run Dates: 12/07/18

#### MONROE TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF FINAL ADOPTION

Notice is hereby given that the following entitled Ordinance was introduced and passed on First Reading at the regular meeting of the Monroe Township Council held on November 7, 2018. Furthermore, this Ordinance was adopted after a Public Hearing was held at the December 3, 2018 regular meeting of the Monroe Township Council at One Municipal Plaza, Monroe Township, N.J. 08831 and was thereafter approved and signed by the Mayor on December 4, 2018.

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PATRICIA REID, R.M.C  
Monroe Township Municipal Clerk

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