

MONROE TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY

ORDINANCE NO. O-9-2020-019

**ORDINANCE OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
AMENDING CHAPTER 122 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE,
ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"**

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</u> <u>(mph)</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>AMEND</u>		
<u>Old Texas Road</u>		
<u>Zone 1</u>	40	Between Spotswood-Englishtown Road and Toby Terrace.
<u>Zone 2</u>	45	Between Toby Terrace and the Monroe Township—Old Bridge Township corporate line
<u>ADD</u>		
<u>Texas Road</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>Between Spotswood-Englishtown Road and Matchaponix Avenue.</u>

SECTION 3. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.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 4. 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 5. This Ordinance shall take effect twenty days after final passage, adoption and publication according to law.



 MIRIAM COHEN, Council President

RECORDED VOTE – INTRODUCTION –September 2, 2020						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Baskin			X			
Councilman Dalina	X		X			
Councilman Dipierro			X			
Council V. President Schneider		X	X			
Council President Cohen			X			

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 September 2, 2020. 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 October 5, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom at <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/106827708>. 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.


 PATRICIA REID, Township Clerk


RECORDED VOTE – SECOND READING & FINAL ADOPTION – October 5, 2020						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Baskin			X			
Councilman Dalina		X	X			
Councilman Dipierro	X		X			
Council V. President Schneider			X			
Council President Cohen			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.


 GERALD W. TAMBURRO, Mayor

Date signed: 10/6/2020

MONROE TOWNSHIP
DEPARTMENT OF POLICE
SPECIAL REPORT

TO: Chief Michael Biennas
FROM: Sergeant Anthony Trohalides
DATE: 08/13/2020
SUBJECT: Texas Road Traffic Study

Sir:

On June 25th 2020, I received your request to conduct a speed study of Texas Road between Matchaponix Avenue and Spotswood Englishtown Road to reduce the speed limit from 40 mph to 35 mph.

On July 15th 2020 I installed the Vehicle Trax Speed Counter on a utility pole on Texas Road near Millwood Court. The speed counter collected data of the passing vehicles from approximately 0800 hours on July 15th 2020 until approximately 0800 hours on July 17th 2020. The vehicle/speed counter recorded the speeds of a total of 596 vehicles during that time frame. It also determined that the 85th percentile of the vehicle speeds in that area during the above stated time frame was 46mph. (The posted speed limit on Texas Road is 40mph). After reviewing the Trax Report, I observed that the main speeding concern is between 10:00am and 1:00pm. Please see the attached Trax reports for further information.

I also reviewed crash reports from Texas Road between July 1st, 2017 and July 31st, 2020. The following are the eleven (10) reported crashes on Texas Road in the past three (3) years:

1. On 10/09/2017 approximately 11:50 am a vehicle struck a curb while negotiating the curve in the roadway prior to the stop sign. No injuries were reported.
2. On 02/10/2018 at approximately 1:33 pm a vehicle crossed the double yellow centerline in the roadway and collided with a vehicle traveling the opposite direction. No injuries were reported.
3. On 01/21/2019 at approximately 6:16 pm a vehicle struck a deer that entered the roadway. No injuries were reported.
4. On 02/16/2019 at approximately 11:35 am a vehicle, which was stopped at the stop sign on Texas Road at the intersection of Matchaponix Avenue, was rear-ended. No injuries were reported.

5. On 04/22/2019 at approximately 10:25 am a vehicle, which was stopped at the stop sign on Texas Road at the intersection of Matchaponix Avenue, was rear-ended. No injuries were reported.
6. On 08/01/2019 at approximately 1:16 pm a vehicle struck a curb in the area of 65 Texas Road. No injuries were reported.
7. On 08/24/2019 at approximately 10:30 pm a vehicle crossed the double yellow centerline in the roadway and collided with a vehicle traveling the opposite direction. No injuries were reported.
8. On 12/23/2019 at approximately 2:16 pm a vehicle was making a left turn from Matchaponix Avenue onto Texas Road collided with a vehicle making left turn from Texas Road onto Matchaponix Avenue in the intersection. No injuries were reported.
9. On 01/09/2020 at approximately 12:21 pm a vehicle stopped for a squirrel in the roadway and was rear ended by a vehicle that was traveling behind it. No injuries were reported.
10. On 04/09/2020 at approximately 4:49 am a vehicle vehicle struck a deer that entered the roadway. No injuries were reported.

Texas Road is divided by a double yellow center line between Spotswood Englishtown Road and Matchaponix Avenue

There is one (1) speed limit sign posted on Texas Road eastbound between Monmouth Road and Spotswood Englishtown Road. There is one (1) speed limit sign posted on Texas Road westbound. This speed limit sign is located between Spotswood Englishtown Road and Barrymore Drive. I will be contacting the Monroe Township Department of Public Works in order to request an additional speed limit sign to be installed on the westbound side of Texas Road between Monmouth Road and Matchaponix Avenue near Toby Terrace.

Upon examining the data that was received from the Vehicle Trax Speed Counter, I do recommend a speed limit change on Texas Road to 35 mph. Also, upon reviewing Township Ordinance 122-44.1 Schedule XVA Speed Limits, I determined that the 40 mph posted speed limit signs do not indicate the same speed that is in the ordinance. The ordinance states that the speed limit for Zone 1 is 40 mph (between Spotswood Englishtown Road and Toby Terrace) and the speed limit for Zone 2 is 45 mph (between Toby Terrace and Matchaponix Avenue). I do recommend that Township Ordinance 122-44.1 Schedule Speed Limits is updated to reflect a speed limit of 35 mph for the entire length of Texas Road from Spotswood Englishtown Road to Matchaponix Avenue.

Respectfully Submitted,

  #112
Sergeant Anthony Trohalides# 112



Township of Monroe

County of Middlesex

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

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING
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September 1, 2020

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 and inspection by the Monroe Township Police Department, I concur with the Police Report and offer these recommendations to amend the Monroe Township Ordinance related to Speed Limits as described below:

Ordinance # 122-44.1 Schedule XVA: Speed Limits
To include the following description:

Revision to Old Texas Road:

Delete:

Old Texas Road
All Zones 45, 40

Amend:

Texas Road 35 **Between Spotswood-Englishtown Road and
Matchaponix Avenue**

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

Sincerely,

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

Cc: Chief Michael Biennas, MTPD
Wayne Horbatt, DPW

Alan Weinberg, Business Administrator
Sergeant Anthony Trohalidas, MTPD



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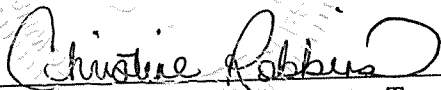
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Affidavit of Publication

I, Christine Robbins, Deputy 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 September 7, 2020.


Christine Robbins, Deputy Township Clerk

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Notice Content

MONROE TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE ORDINANCE NO.: O-9-2020-019 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: "ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 122 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC", has been introduced and passed on first reading at the regular meeting of the Monroe Township Council held electronically on September 2, 2020 and will be further considered for final passage after a Public Hearing during the council meeting to be held on October 5, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Monroe Twp. Municipal Building, One Municipal Plaza, Monroe Twp., N.J. 08831 or held electronically. Due to the current circumstances this has yet to be determined. At said time and place, all persons will be granted the opportunity to be heard concerning this Ordinance prior to its consideration for adoption by Council. The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend the speed limit to 35 mph on Texas Road between Spotswood-Englishtown Road and Matchaponix Avenue. The proposed Ordinance in its entirety can be viewed on the Township website, 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 (\$25.80)



Township of Monroe

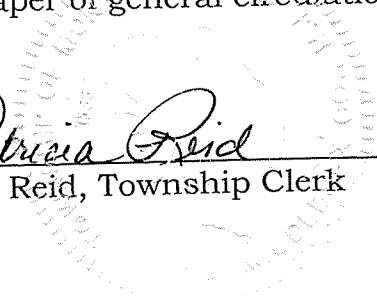
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Patricia Reid
Patricia Reid, Township Clerk

Ad Number: 0004410238

Run Dates: 10/09/2020

MONROE TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY
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 September 2, 2020. Furthermore, this Ordinance was adopted after a Public Hearing was held at the October 5, 2020 regular meeting of the Monroe Township Council which was held via Zoom at the following website <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/106827708>, and was thereafter approved and signed by the Mayor on October 6, 2020.

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