

MONROE TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY

ORDINANCE NO. O-9-2021-020

ORDINANCE OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
AMENDING CHAPTER 122 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE,
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, 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:

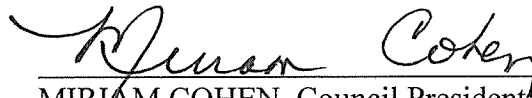
SECTION 1. Chapter 122-44.1. entitled "Schedule XVA" of the Code of the Township of Monroe, which Section establishes "Speed Limits" within the Township of Monroe shall be amended as follows:

<u>NAME OF STREET</u>	<u>SPEED LIMIT (mph)</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<u>ADD</u>		
Spotswood Englishtown Road	35	From Matchaponix Avenue to Cornell Avenue

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 All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.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

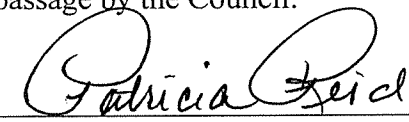
SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect twenty days after final passage, adoption and publication according to law.


MIRIAM COHEN, Council President

RECORDED VOTE – INTRODUCTION – September 1, 2021						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Baskin					X	
Councilman Dipierro	X		X			
Councilman Van Dzura					X	
Council V. President Schneider		X	X			
Council President Cohen			X			

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 September 1, 2021. 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 4, 2021 at 6:30 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.


PATRICIA REID, Township Clerk

RECORDED VOTE – SECOND READING & FINAL ADOPTION– October 4, 2021						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Baskin			X			
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilman Van Dzura				X		
Council V. President Schneider	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

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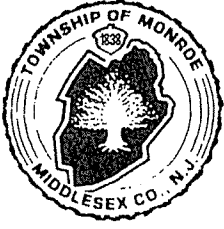
MAYORAL APPROVAL

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.



STEPHEN DALINA, Mayor

Date signed: 10/5/2021



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, August 4, 2021

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

**Re: Traffic, Speed Limit
Ordinance Revisions
Spotswood Englishtown Road**

Dear Ms. Reid:

Following the evaluation and recommendations of the Monroe Township Police Department, I concur with the 7/26/21 MTPD Special 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 Spotswood Englishtown Road

Amend/Add Segment:

Spotswood Englishtown Road 35 From Matchaponix Avenue to Cornell Ave.

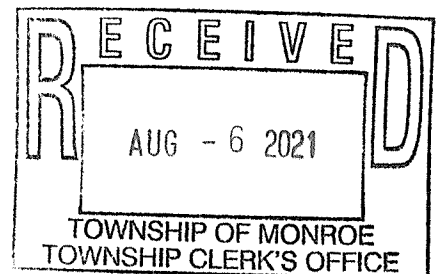
Please advise if you require additional information for any of these proposed changes.

Sincerely,

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

Cc: Chief Michael Biennas, MTPD
Wayne Horbatt, DPW

Alan Weinberg, Business Administrator
Sergeant Jabaz Spence, MTPD





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Wednesday, August 4, 2021

County of Middlesex, Department of Infrastructure Management
Ronald Sendner, County Engineer
75 Bayard Street, 5th Floor
New Brunswick, NJ 08901

*Re: Speed Limit Reduction Request
Spotswood Englishtown Road (CR 613)
from Matchaponix Avenue to Municipal Border
Monroe Township, Middlesex County*

Dear Mr. Sendner:

In response to the numerous inquiries from residents requesting a reduction in the speed limit on Spotswood Englishtown Road, the Monroe Township Police Department has conducted a speed analysis and prepared a Special Report (copy enclosed).

In concurrence with said report, I recommend that the speed limit be reduced from 45MPH to 35MPH on Spotswood Englishtown Road between Matchaponix Avenue and Cornell Avenue.

This will make the speed limit on Spotswood Englishtown Road a consistent 35MPH from Matchaponix Ave. to the municipal border with Spotswood.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office should you have any questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Mark J. Rasimowicz, PE, PP, CME
Township Engineer

C: Mayor Stephen Dalina
Chief Michael Biennas, MTPD
Alan Weinberg, Business Administrator

MONROE TOWNSHIP
DEPARTMENT OF POLICE
SPECIAL REPORT

TO: Chief Michael Biennas
FROM: Ofc. Daniel Mosakowski
DATE: 07-26-2021
SUBJECT: Spotswood Englishtown Rd. Speed Limit Change

Sir:

I am writing this Special Report in order to respectfully propose a speed limit change on Spotswood Englishtown Rd. which is Middlesex County Rt. 613. The reason I am suggesting the speed limit change is to keep the speed limit consistent from the Township line with Spotswood (to the north) and Matchaponix Ave. (to the south). Currently the speed limit from Cornell Ave. to the Township Line is 35mph, and from Cornell Ave. to Matchaponix Ave. is 45mph. Both sections of Spotswood Englishtown Road are fully developed which numerous side streets entering and exiting on/from Spotswood Englishtown Road. There are also businesses and strip malls on both sections. The northern end of Spotswood Englishtown Rd. has some sidewalks but there is no constant sidewalk from the Township Line to Cornell Ave. The southbound section from Cornell Ave. to Matchaponix Ave. there is almost no shoulder; however, there is still pedestrian and petacycles traffic on the roadway.

I placed a speed trailer on Spotswood Englishtown Rd. near Suburban Plaza to track northbound traffic. The speed trailer collected data of the passing vehicles from 06-02-2021 to 06-08-2021 and recorded a total of 40,541 vehicles with a daily average of 5,791 vehicles. The average speed of the vehicles that passed the trailer was 35 mph and the 85th percentile was 41 mph. The speed trailer was then placed on Spotswood Englishtown Rd. near Tall Oaks Dr. to track southbound traffic. The speed trailer collected data of the passing vehicles from 06-10-2021 to 06-16-2021 and recorded a total of 35,208 vehicles with a daily average of 5,029 vehicles. The average speed of the vehicles that passed the trailer was 39 mph and the 85th percentile was 44 mph.

Based on all of the above stated facts, I am respectfully suggesting to change the speed limit of the 45mph section (Cornell Ave. south to Matchaponix Ave.) of Spotswood Englishtown Rd. to 35 mph. I believe that this speed limit change will make a safer environment for the pedestrians and petacycles who are traveling along Spotswood Englishtown Rd. This

change will also make the roadway speed limit consistent throughout this section which is developed similarly in both sections.

Currently there are posted speed limit signs installed on Spotswood Englishtown Rd. between Matchaponix Ave. and the Spotswood Boro border. If this speed limit change will be approved, I will have Monroe Twp. Department of Public Works (DPW) install proper speed limit signs on both sides of Spotswood Englishtown Rd.

A message was left for the Middlesex County Engineer to speak about this proposed change; however, at the time of this report I have not heard back from them.

Respectfully Submitted,

Off. Daniel Mosakowski #101

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*Approved
DM
1/24/2021*