ORDINANCE 2019-18

Borough of Metuchen
County of Middlesex
State of New Jersey

ORDINANCE AMENDING § 185-31, ENTITLED, “SPEED LIMITS” SETTING THE SPEED LIMITS ON AMBOY AVENUE, CENTRAL AVENUE, MAIN STREET, MIDDLESEX AVENUE, NEW DURHAM ROAD, PLAINFIELD AVENUE, PLAINFIELD ROAD & WOODBRIDGE AVENUE TO TWENTY-FIVE MILES PER HOUR FOR THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE ROADWAYS IN THE BOROUGH OF METUCHEN

WHEREAS, various residents of the Borough Metuchen have expressed safety concerns to the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchen relating to the current speed limit of thirty-five miles per hour on some of the County of Middlesex Roads, including but not limited to, Amboy Avenue, Central Avenue, Main Street, Middlesex Avenue, New Durham Road, Plainfield Avenue, Plainfield Road, and Woodbridge Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchen referred the concerns and issue to the Borough Engineer for investigation and its recommendations relating to the current speed limits on all County Roads, including but not limited to Amboy Avenue, Central Avenue, Main Street, Middlesex Avenue, New Durham Road, Plainfield Avenue, and Plainfield Road, and Woodbridge Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer investigated and prepared Reports, dated October 19, 2019 and October 25, 2019, relating to the speed limits on the County roadways within the Borough, including but not limited to Amboy Avenue, Central Avenue, Main Street, Middlesex Avenue, New Durham Road, Plainfield Avenue, and Plainfield Road, and Woodbridge Avenue (a copy of the Reports are attached hereto); and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has concluded the investigation and has submitted Reports to the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchen indicating that “considering the MUTCD [Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highway] as well as satisfying the elements of Title 39 Section 39:4-98” the speed limits on all County Roads within the Borough can be set at twenty-five miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council believe that setting the proposed speed limit on all County Roads to twenty-five miles per hour is in the interest of safety and the expedition of traffic on public highways, and as indicated in the Borough Engineer’s reports conforms to the current standards prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways, and is consistent with accepted engineering standards and will not place an undue burden or impact on streets in an adjoining municipality or negatively affect the flow of traffic on the State Highway system; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deem it in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Borough of Metuchen to reduce the speed limit on all County Roads within the Borough, including but not limited to, Amboy Avenue, Central Avenue, Main Street, Middlesex Avenue, New Durham Road, Plainfield Avenue, Plainfield Road and Woodbridge Avenue to twenty-five miles per hour for the entire length in the Borough of Metuchen; and
WHEREAS, § 185-31 of the Code of the Borough of Metuchen establishes designated speed limits within the Borough of Metuchen.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of Metuchen that it hereby amends Chapter 185 of the Code entitled, “Vehicles and Traffic” specifically § 185-31 entitled, Speed Limits.” to read as follows:

§ 185-31. Speed limits.

A. The speed limits for both directions of traffic along the streets or parts thereof described below and made a part of this chapter are hereby established at the rate of indicated.

B. Regulatory and warning signs shall be erected and maintained to effect the above designated speed limits.

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<th>Name of Street</th>
<th>Speed Limit (mph)</th>
<th>Limits</th>
<th>Approval Date</th>
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<td>Amboy Avenue</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>Entire length of roadway in the Borough of Metuchen. From the Borough of Metuchen corporate line to the Township of Edison corporate line.</td>
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<td>Central Avenue</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>Entire length of roadway in the Borough of Metuchen. From the Borough of Metuchen corporate line to the Township of Edison corporate line.</td>
<td>July 17, 1957; May 16, 1973</td>
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<td>Grove Avenue</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>Entire length of roadway in the Borough of Metuchen. From the Borough of Metuchen corporate line to the Township of Edison corporate line.</td>
<td>December 24, 2015</td>
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<td>Main Street</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>Entire length of roadway in the Borough of Metuchen. From the Borough of Metuchen corporate line to the Township of Edison corporate line.</td>
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<td>Middlesex Avenue (local)</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>From Bridge Street to New Durham Road (C.R. 501)</td>
<td>June 16, 2003</td>
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<td>New Durham Road</td>
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**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Metuchen that a copy of the within Ordinance shall be forwarded to, and the effectiveness shall be contingent upon, the County of Middlesex passage and approval of a consenting resolution to the same; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Metuchen that all Borough officials, employees and agents shall take all necessary actions to in order to effectuate the within Ordinance, including but not limited to the installation and removal of “Speed Limit” signs in and from the designated areas in order to provide sufficient notice to motorists.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** by the Council of the Borough of Metuchen that should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remaining portions of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect, and to that end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** by the Council of the Borough of Metuchen that all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this amending ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistencies only.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** by the Council of the Borough of Metuchen that this ordinance and requirement thereof shall take effect after passage and publication as required by law.
I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an ordinance introduced by the Borough Council of the Borough of Metuchen, Middlesex County, New Jersey at a regular meeting held on October 29, 2019.

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Susan D. Jackson, RMC
Borough Clerk

Adopted: November 12, 2019
Date of Publication: November 15, 2019

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an ordinance adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Metuchen, Middlesex County, New Jersey at a regular meeting held on November 12, 2019.

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Susan D. Jackson, RMC
Borough Clerk

ATTEST: ________________________
BOROUGH OF METUCHEN

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By: __________________________
Jonathan M. Busch
Mayor