

ORDINANCE NO. 1996-3

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MARION, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING A MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT ON PORTIONS OF WINTERSVILLE ROAD AND STOUCHSBURG ROAD, AND ESTABLISHING STOP SIGNS ALONG VARIOUS STREETS AND ALLEYS IN MARION TOWNSHIP, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION.

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Marion, Berks County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby Enacted and Ordained by the authority of the same as follows:

1. Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, 75 Pa. C.S. 3363, and upon the basis of a traffic and engineering investigation of the following Township roads, it is determined that the current maximum forty (40) miles per hour speed limit on the following sections of roadway is unreasonable and unsafe under the conditions found to exist upon said roadways and that a maximum speed limit hereinafter set forth is herein established for said sections of roadway as a reasonable and safe maximum speed limit and therefore, it shall be unlawful for any person to drive a vehicle on said roadways at a speed higher than the maximum hereinafter prescribed for that section of roadway:

<u>Street</u>	<u>Between</u>	<u>Maximum Speed Limit</u>
Wintersville Road T-490	Stouchsburg Road (T-499) and the Marion Township- Tulpehocken Township boundary line	35 mph
Stouchsburg Road T-499	Route 422 and the Marion Township-Tulpehocken Township boundary line	35 mph

2. Any person who violates any provision of Section 1 above shall, upon conviction of a summary offense, be sentenced to pay a fine of Thirty-five Dollars (\$35.00) and costs, or as otherwise provided under the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code as it may be amended hereafter, plus any applicable surcharge as may be imposed under the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, as amended. Any person exceeding the maximum speed limit by more than five (5) miles per hour shall pay an additional fine of Two Dollars (\$2.00) per mile for each mile in excess of five (5) miles per hour over the maximum speed limit, or as otherwise provided in the Vehicle Code as it may be amended hereafter.

3. Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, 75 Pa. C.S. 3323 and 6124, it is herein determined that the following intersections be established as a stop intersection, and official stop signs shall be erected (or are ratified if previously erected) in such a position as to face traffic approaching the second-named street (the through street) on the first-named street (the stop street) in the direction or directions indicated

for that intersection. Every driver of a vehicle approaching the intersection on the first-named or stop street, in the direction indicated in each case, shall stop the vehicle as required by Section 3323(b) of the Vehicle Code, and shall not proceed into or across the second-named or through street until he or she has followed all applicable requirements of that section of the law.

<u>Stop Street</u>	<u>Through Street</u>	<u>Direction of Travel</u>
Alley "L"	Main Street (T-503)	North
Alley "J"	Main Street (T-503)	North
Alley "H"	Main Street (T-503)	North
Alley "N" (Hunsicker Drive)	Mifflin Street	West
Mifflin Street	Main Street (T-503)	North
Alley "P"	Main Street (T-503)	North
Alley "O"	Main Street (T-503)	North
Alley "Q"	Main Street (T-503)	North
Alley "M"	Main Street (T-503)	South
Alley "M"	Canal Road (T-487)	North
Alley "A"	Main Street (T-503)	South
N. Water Street (T-501)	Main Street (T-503)	South
N. Water Street (T-501)	Alley "C"	North

<u>Stop Street</u>	<u>Through Street</u>	<u>Direction of Travel</u>
Alley "C"	Church Road (T-496)	West
Alley "C"	Church Road (T-496)	East
Alley "E"	Main Street (T-503)	South
Alley "F"	Main Street (T-503)	South
Alley "B"	Marion Drive (T-497)	West
Kreider Road (T-507)	Katterman Hill Road (T-488)	East

4. Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, 75 Pa. C.S. 3323 and 6124. It is herein determined that the intersection of Wintersville Road (T-490) and Stouchsburg Road (T-499) be established as four-way stop intersection and official stop signs shall be erected (or, are ratified if previously erected) in such a position on each of the aforesaid two roads facing in all directions of travel at this interesection. Every driver of a vehicle approaching this intersection shall stop the vehicle as required by Section 3323(b) of the Vehicle Code and shall not proceed into or across the intersection until he or she has followed all applicable requirements of the law.

5. Any person who violates any provision of Section 3 or Section 4 above shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) and costs, or as otherwise provided under the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code as it may be amended hereafter.

6. It is hereby declared that the enactment of this ordinance is necessary for the protection, benefit, and preservation of the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of Marion Township.

7. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

8. This ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after the date of its enactment.

Enacted and ordained as an ordinance of the Township of Marion, Berks County, Pennsylvania, this 26th day of DEC. , 1996.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF MARION, BERKS
COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Charles M. Zechman Jr.

Chairman

Ray E. Balducci

Supervisor

Harold E. Zechman

Supervisor

Attest:

Dois E. Yarbarger
Secretary

Wintersville Road (Between SR-422 and School Rd)

This road consists of sags and dips within the grade of the Roadway. Several private driveways emerge onto this roadway, as well as two intersecting roadways, being that of School Rd. and Stouchsburg Rd.

Vertical sight distance problems occur due to grade changes in the roadway. Combined with the narrowness of the roadway and factors relating to crops planted adjacent to the roadway makes Wintersville Road somewhat of a difficult road to drive.

A road survey was conducted with three types of driving conditions, Rain, Fog, and Clear, It is concluded that a safe driving speed for Wintersville Road would be 35 MPH.

The Following Factors where conducted to determine aforesaid recommendation; Two types of Vehicles where used to conduct the survey, one being a normal sedan type vehicle and the other being a short utility type vehicle. Both vehicles could handle the Roadway at 35 MPH well however at speeds greater speeds, of 40 MPH and 45 MPH proved to be difficult.

This Road Survey was conducted 11/29/96 and 11/30/96

ROAD <u>WINTERSVILLE</u>		SEGMENT: NORTH OF SR_422 SOUTH OF SCHOOL RD				
DATES 11/29/96 and 11/30/96						
TEST RUNS 11/29/96						
NORTH BOUND	40	45	47	35	30	25
SOUTH BOUND	45	35	30	27	41	39
SAFE RUNNING SPEED 35 MPH						
Test Runs 11/30/96						
North Bound	35	38	43	26	40	36
South Bound	37	41	35	28	40	45
Safe Running Speed 35 MPH						
Summary: 2 Types of vehicles where used due to the verity of vehicles that use the roadway, also chosen was that of adverse conditions, due to this factor speeds of 35 MPH or less would be in order.						

Stouchsburg Road (Between SR-422 and The Township Line)

This Road consists of curves, sags, dips, and several blind curves. Three intersections are encountered on this section of roadway. One Being Wintersville Road, the second, Kitterman Hill Road and lastly Kitterman Hill Road again. Several hard curves along with sags in the grade of the road make this road very difficult to drive. Along with the narrowness and blind spots encountered, a safe speed of travel is 35 MPH.

Two types of vehicles were used to conduct this survey, due to the variety of vehicles used by the public. One Being a Sedan type Vehicle and the Other Being a Short Utility Type Vehicle. Both Vehicles could drive safely at a speed of 35 MPH. However at speeds greater than 35 MPH both Vehicles had difficulty, The Utility vehicle had greater difficulty than the Sedan.

Please Note that Crops planted adjacent to the roadway cause additional blind spots, and that warning signs should be placed on the roadway to reduce speed and for curve ahead.

Recommended safe speed of travel is 35 MPH Survey was conducted 11/29/96 and 11/30/96 Survey was conducted in three types of weather conditions Clear, Fog and Rain

Road <u>Stouchsburg</u>						Segment North West of SR-422 South East of Twp Line
Dates 11/29/96 and 11/30/96						
Test Runs 11/29/96						
West Bound	35	40	47	25	30	
East Bound	25	30	45	35	41	
Safe Running Speed 35 MPH						
Test Runs 11/30/96						
West Bound	27	34	40	35	43	
East Bound	42	25	42	35	40	
Safe Running Speed 35 MPH						
Summary: Additional stop signs should be placed at the intersection of Wintersville Rd and Stouchsburg Rd, also Reduction of speed signs and curve ahead signs should be placed into effect.						