RESOLUTION NO. 2462

EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST NORRITON ESTABLISHING THE POLICY AND GUIDELINES FOR EVALUATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF VARIOUS TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON PUBLIC ROADWAYS WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES OF EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors for the Township of East Norriton recognizes the concerns of the citizens and residents of the Township with respect to traffic volumes and vehicle speeds in residential neighborhoods, and furthermore deems it to be in the best interest and general welfare of said citizens and residents to establish a policy and guidelines for the evaluation and implementation of traffic calming measures; and,

WHEREAS, §1506 of the Second Class Township Code, *as amended*, and found at 53 P.S. 66506, entitled "General powers", authorizes the Board of Supervisors to make and adopt ordinances, bylaws, rules and regulations, not inconsistent with or constrained by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth necessary for the proper management, care, and control of the Township and the maintenance of peace, good government, health and welfare of the Township and its citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the Township of East Norriton, after due consideration of this resolution, has determined that the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of East Norriton will be served by the provisions related thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of East Norriton that:

§ 1. Intent

The purpose of this Resolution is to establish the policy and guidelines for the evaluation and implementation of various traffic calming measures on Township-owned public roadways within East Norriton Township. Such measures are specifically designed to reduce the speed, but not necessarily the volume of motor vehicle traffic in residential areas, nor is their purpose to move traffic to adjoining roadways. Such measures shall consist of public education, enforcement activities and installation of physical features to limit vehicle speeds.

§ 2. Definitions

For the purposes of this Resolution, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

A. TRAFFIC CALMING

A means or method of reducing motor vehicle speeds on public roadways.

B. PENNSYLVANIA'S TRAFFIC CALMING HANDBOOK

A publication issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PENNDOT) providing guidance for the evaluation, implementation and installation of traffic calming measures currently in effect and as may be updated or modified from time to time. *Current version in effect is Publication No. 383 dated January 2001.*

C. TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURE (TCM)

A physical feature installed on or constructed within a public roadway for the purposes of traffic calming. Only those physical features detailed within PennDOT Publication No. 383, Chapters 5 and 6, as amended or updated, shall be considered "traffic calming measures."

D. TRAFFIC CALMING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TCAC)

A committee established and appointed by the Board of Supervisors whose purpose shall be to evaluate traffic calming requests and make recommendations to the Board regarding the appropriate course of action, if any. The TCAC shall consist of the following:

1. Township Manager
2. Chief of Police
3. Staff Engineer/Public Works Director
4. One resident (preferably from an area of the Township not affected by traffic calming)
5. One resident who lives on the street under consideration for traffic calming (temporary appointment)

E. PETITION

Form and format supplied by the Township and used to gauge residential support for a given traffic calming request. Petition shall include: a brief description of the Applicant's concern, the specific roadway or section of roadway where the concern exists, listing of the property addresses (no names) included in the Petition and check boxes indicating a property owner does/does not support the request.

F. AFFECTED AREA

Those properties located within a specified area of the Township, as designated by the Township's Traffic Engineering Consultant, to be included in the Petition for a given traffic calming request.

§ 3. Criteria

The following criteria have been established as means to define the roadways eligible for selection of TCMs and where consideration of TCMs is most appropriate, effective and practical:

A. No TCMs shall be installed by East Norriton Township on State, County or privately owned roadways.

B. TCMs shall only be considered on roadways meeting the following criteria:
   1. Township-owned roads with the following functional classifications:
      a. A local residential street, or
      b. A collector street with predominantly residential land uses, and
   2. Township owned roads with a legally posted speed limit not greater than 25 MPH.

§ 4. Application Process

A. An Applicant or Applicants may request that a particular roadway be considered for traffic calming. Requests shall be submitted in writing to the Township Manager. Requests shall indicate specific roadway or section of roadway and the specific nature of the Applicant's concern.

B. The Township Manager, or his/her designee, shall make a determination as to the eligibility of the request based on the criteria established in §3.
   1. Should the roadway not meet the eligibility criteria, Applicant shall be notified in writing as to the determination.
   2. If the roadway meets the criteria, the Applicant shall be notified in writing as to the determination and provided a Petition for gaining support.

§ 5. Petition

A. All households located within the Affected Area of any traffic calming consideration must be contacted by the Applicant and advised of the following:
   1. That traffic calming and/or traffic calming measures have been requested and may be considered for their neighborhood, and
   2. That prior to any final decision by the Board of Supervisors, all households within the Affected Area will be provided with information regarding the type, quantity and location of the proposed TCMs.

B. A signed Petition must be submitted indicating support, including acknowledgment of items 5.A.1, and 5.A.2 above, from at least 70% of those households within the Affected Area.

C. Only the signature of one (1) adult **property owner** per household shall be considered.

D. Petitions indicating support for consideration of traffic calming measures shall be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for its consideration in moving forward with data collection and further evaluation.

§ 6. Evaluation and Approval Process

A. The Petition of support, along with all data and information collected for the affected roadway shall be forwarded to the TCAC for its consideration and evaluation based on criteria established in PennDOT Publication No. 383, or other criteria as the TCAC may deem appropriate. Based on its evaluation, the TCAC shall provide a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

Any TCAC recommendation may include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. To increase public education and awareness regarding speeding.
2. To increase Police Department enforcement.
3. Further evaluation of this location is not warranted based on established criteria and/or guidelines.
4. To proceed with engineering study, design and cost estimate and/or installation of appropriate TCM.
5. Other recommendation(s) as the TCAC may deem appropriate.

B. The Board of Supervisors may, at its discretion, consider such recommendations at a regularly scheduled meeting.

C. Should the Board determine that an Application warrants further evaluation, the Board may authorize the Township's Traffic Engineer to conduct an engineering study, design, and cost estimate. Upon completion of the engineering study, design, and cost estimate, the Board may, at its discretion, consider proceeding with implementation of the proposed TCMs. At such time the Board may, at its discretion, require the Applicant to circulate a second Petition to the Affected Area for support of the TCMs. Said Petition shall include information regarding the type, quantity, location and estimated costs of the proposed TCMs. The completed Petition shall indicate 70% resident support for the proposed TCMs.

D. Installation of any proposed TCMs shall be subject to final approval by the Board of Supervisors.

§ 7. General Provisions

A. Nothing contained within this Resolution shall obligate the Board of Supervisors to implement and/or install any TCM, regardless of any recommendation. The Board of Supervisors shall, in its consideration of a request, give appropriate weight to all aspects of the requested measures including but not limited to: opinions of those affected; costs and available funding sources; recommendations of TCAC; opinions of staff and consultants; budgetary limitations, impact on emergency services and maintenance; and any other aspect deemed appropriate.

B. The design, location and installation of any TCM shall be in accordance with PennDOT Publication No. 383: Pennsylvania's Traffic Calming Handbook, the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and any other applicable standards in effect at the time the request is considered.

C. Traffic control devices such as multi-way stops, turn restrictions, one-way streets and speed limit restrictions shall be implemented in accordance with the criteria and warrants contained in PennDOT Publication No. 212: Official Traffic Control Devices, as amended or updated and shall not be considered TCMs.

D. At locations where TCMs have been approved, the Board of Supervisors reserves the right to implement temporary TCMs either due to budgetary limitations or to evaluate their effectiveness and community acceptance prior to permanent implementation.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of East Norriton Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania this 28th day of July, 2009.

TOWNSHIP OF EAST NORRITON

Lewis K. McQuirns

By: Lewis K. McQuirns, Chairman

ATTEST:

Donald O. Delamater

By: Donald O. Delamater, Secretary

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