

ORDINANCE NO. 197

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 15-304 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF LONDON GROVE TOWNSHIP TO PROHIBIT TRUCKS ON MARTIN DRIVE AND WHITESTONE ROAD, EXCEPT LOCAL DELIVERIES; AND PROVIDING FOR POSTING OF APPROPRIATE SIGNS

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has commissioned a traffic study of Martin Drive and Whitestone Road within the Township for the purpose of determining whether trucks should be restricted from driving on these roads; and

WHEREAS, Traffic Planning and Design, Inc. ("TPD"), the Township's traffic engineer, has conducted an engineering and traffic study of Martin Drive and Whitestone Road to determine whether trucks should be restricted from driving on these roads in accordance with 67 Pa. Code, Chapter 212, Sections 212.117(b), (c) and (d); and

WHEREAS, TPD has concluded in a letter to the Township Manager dated June 26, 2015, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, that truck restrictions are warranted on Martin Drive and Whitestone Road for their entire length based on the following traffic conditions: both roads are minor residential streets which were not designed or intended to serve truck traffic; truck traffic is not compatible with the residential uses served by Martin Drive and Whitestone Road; the road width is not sufficient for two vehicles to pass with on-street parking which would require a truck to yield to on-coming traffic and it is not desirable to have trucks stopping and starting in a residential community; the corner radii at the intersection of Martin Drive and Whitestone Road are not sufficient to accommodate large trucks; street trees are creating a vertical obstruction that will require trucks to drive in the center of the road making it difficult to pass an oncoming vehicle; the community served by these streets has significant pedestrian traffic and it is not desirable to mix truck traffic with pedestrians; and the intersection of East Avondale Road and Garden Station Road is an alternate route and was the only route for many years before these streets were constructed; and

WHEREAS, the Township must adopt an ordinance designating the restrictions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of London Grove Township, Chester County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by its authority that:

SECTION 1. Section 15-304 of the Codified Ordinances of London Grove Township is hereby amended to prohibit truck traffic, except local deliveries, on Martin Drive and Whitestone Road for their entire length.


SECTION 2. Official signs notifying the public that no trucks, except local deliveries, are permitted shall be erected at the beginning and the end of each section of road affected, which signs shall comply with the rules and regulations of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

SECTION 3. The provisions of this ordinance shall be severable, and if any of its provisions shall be held to be unconstitutional or illegal, such decision shall not affect the validity of any of the remaining provisions of this ordinance. It is hereby declared as a legislative intent that this ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional or illegal provisions not been included herein.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with the provisions of the Second Class Township Code.

DULY ENACTED THIS 7th DAY OF October, 2015 BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LONDON GROVE.

BY: 
Richard Scott-Harper, Chairman

Attest: 
Steven C. Brown, Manager

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