

**MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORDINANCE NO. 24-340**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 222 OF THE MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP
CODE, TRAFFIC REGULATIONS, SECTION 222-9.A AND SECTION 222-17.A
TO PROVIDE FOR A 15 MPH SPEED LIMIT AND AN 18 TON WEIGHT LIMIT OVER
THE TWO CULVERTS LOCATED UNDER KNAPP ROAD BETWEEN
NORWAY DRIVE AND VALLEYBROOK DRIVE AND REMOVING THE OTHER
WEIGHT LIMITS UNDER SECTION 222-17.A**

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, 75 P.S. §§3365 and 6109, delegates certain powers to Montgomery Township to regulate and enforce vehicular speed and weight over certain bridges within the Township;

WHEREAS, the Township has determined by conducting an engineering and traffic study/investigation as provided for in PennDOT regulations that the two culverts located between Norway Drive and Valleybrook Drive on Knapp Road ("Culverts") may be damaged, destroyed, and unsafe unless there is a reduction in the permissible speed and weight of vehicles traveling over the Culverts.

WHEREAS, the Township desires to maintain the structural integrity of the Culverts and the safety of the persons traveling over the Culverts;

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to restrict the maximum speed of all vehicles to fifteen (15) miles per hour and a maximum weight of all vehicles to eighteen (18) tons while driving over the Culverts;

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the existing weight limits established for Route 152 and Stump Road, for the bridge over Little Neshaminy Creek, are no longer necessary and may be removed;

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has met the procedural requirements of the Second-Class Township Code for the adoption of the proposed ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of the Montgomery Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, it is hereby enacted and ordained by the authority of same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Code Amendment.

A. Section 222-9.A, Speed Limits, is hereby revised to insert the following street, speed limit, and location for the Culverts and amended to revise the current Knapp Road location as follows:

Name of Street	Speed Limit (mph)	Location
Knapp Road	35	Entire Length (Except over Valleybrook Drive and Norway Drive culverts)
Knapp Road	15	Over culverts between Valleybrook Drive and Norway Drive

B. Section 222-17.A, Weight Limits; Penalty, is hereby revised to add “Culvert” to the column heading and amended to add the following restriction:

Street, Bridge, or Culvert	Limits (tons)	Maximum Gross Weight (pounds)
Knapp Road, culverts between Valleybrook Drive & Norway Drive	18	36,000

C. Section 222-17.A, Weight Limits; Penalty, is hereby further revised to remove and delete the entries for “Route 152” and “Stump Road, bridge over Little Neshaminy Creek”, resulting in the only entry noted under this subsection being the new entry for the Knapp Road culverts pursuant to Section B, above.

SECTION II. Installation of Signage. The appropriate Township personnel are hereby authorized and directed to install proper signage or other traffic control devices required by PennDot along Knapp Road to reflect the restrictions established herein.

SECTION III. Severability. The terms, conditions, and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and should any portion, part, or provision of this Ordinance be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, unenforceable, or unconstitutional, the Montgomery Township Board of Supervisors hereby declares its intent that the Ordinance shall have been enacted without regard to the invalid, unenforceable, or unconstitutional portion, part or provision of this Ordinance, and the remainder of the Ordinance shall remain in force.

SECTION IV. Repealer. Any and all other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the terms, conditions, and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such irreconcilable conflict.

SECTION V. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon enactment as provided by law.


SECTION VI. Failure to Enforce Not a Waiver. The failure of Montgomery Township to enforce or delay enforcement of any provision of this Ordinance shall not constitute a waiver by Montgomery Township of its rights to future enforcement hereunder.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, this 25th day of March 2024.

ATTEST:

**MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

By: 
Carolyn McCreary, Township Secretary

By: 
Candyce Fluch Chimera, Chair
Montgomery Township Board of Supervisors