

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE
(TRAFFIC) PROHIBITING PARKING, STOPPING, OR STANDING
ON A SECTION OF MONMOUTH ROAD**

WHEREAS, a dangerous pedestrian and traffic condition has been created on a section of Monmouth Road in the vicinity of the Central Early Childhood Center since the Center closed the drive-thru on Monmouth Road due to the potential dangers of accidents to the young students in the parking lot; and

WHEREAS, the Principal of the Center has requested assistance from the Township to improve the dangerous situation caused by cars parking on both sides of Monmouth Road to drop off their children in the morning, and pick them up in the afternoon; and

WHEREAS, the Township Manager and the Police Department have reviewed the situation and recommend that parking, stopping, and standing be limited on one (1) side of Monmouth Road during student drop-off and pick-up hours;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Deptford, County of Gloucester that Chapter 7 of the Township Code (Traffic) is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Add to Section 7-10:

“Stopping and standing is prohibited on the north side of Monmouth Road (the side of the street opposite the Central Early Childhood Center) from 8:30 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. and from 2:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. except Saturdays, Sundays, and school holidays.

SECTION 2. Add to Section 7-14:

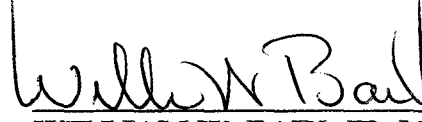
“Parking is prohibited on the north side of Monmouth Road (the side of the street opposite the Central Early Childhood Center) from 8:30 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. and from 2:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. except Saturdays, Sundays and school holidays.

SECTION 3. Any provisions of any Ordinance inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

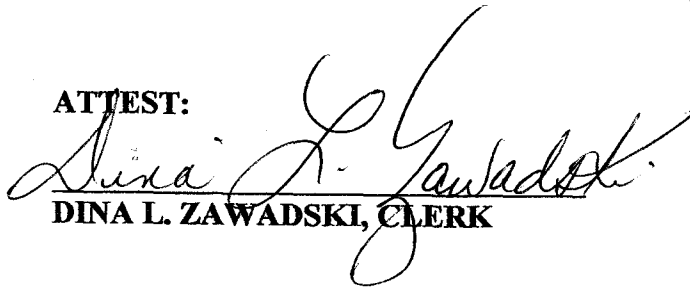
SECTION 4. If any sections or provisions of this Ordinance shall be ruled invalid, such ruling shall apply only to the sections or provisions ruled invalid and the remainder of the Ordinance should be deemed valid and remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after final passage pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-181.

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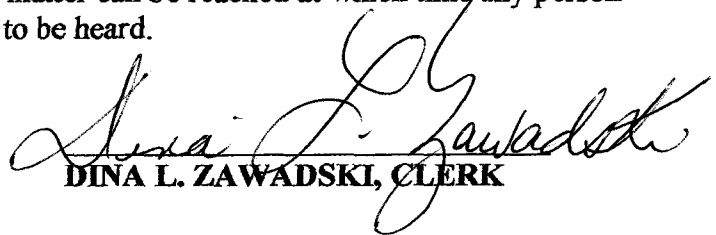

WILLIAM W. BAIN, JR. MAYOR

ATTEST:


DINA L. ZAWADSKI, CLERK

CERTIFICATION

The above Ordinance was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Deptford held on the 8th day of November, 2004 and will be taken up for final consideration and passage at the Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of the Township of Deptford to be held at the Municipal Building, 1011 Cooper Street, Deptford, NJ, Gloucester County, on the 6th day of December, 2004 at 6:30 P.M. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached at which time any person interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard.


DINA L. ZAWADSKI, CLERK

Central Early Childhood Center
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Mr. Joseph Picardi
Township Manager

We are experiencing significant traffic problems along Monmouth Road in front of the Central Early Childhood Center. People are parking on both sides of Monmouth to drop off their children in the morning and pick them up in the afternoon. Due to cars parking on both sides of Monmouth Road, it is extremely difficult for cars coming from both directions to get through the congestion. In fact, we had one day of virtual gridlock last week.

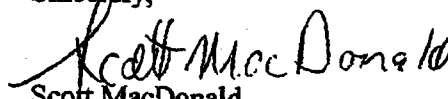
The police department and the fire department, along with Deptford Twp. and Central School administration are in agreement that parents must not use the drive-thru on Monmouth Road due to the potential dangers of accidents to young children in the parking lot.

A meeting was held on October 27th in the Municipal Building to discuss the concerns. In attendance were: Captain Scolding, Sgt. Gigante, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Zawadski, Lieutenant Harbison and Mr. MacDonald, Principal of the Central Early Childhood. We agreed that signs should be placed at the entrance to the school stating that buses only may use the drive through lane. We also agreed that a yellow *no parking* curb would be created on one side or the other of Monmouth. I met with the neighbors to describe the plan and they are tentatively in agreement. The neighbors would prefer that the yellow no parking curb be placed on the same side as their houses. It was recommended that signs would be placed stating that *No Parking* would be permitted between the hours of 8:30 am and 9:30 am and between the hours of 2:30 pm and 4 pm on days when school is in session. A second meeting occurred the following day with Chief Marolt, Mr. Picardi, Captain Scolding and two additional officers. Their recommendations were basically the same as the previous day's suggestions.

I would like to request that an ordinance be adopted that will abide by the recommendations stated above with any additional input needed to ensure the safety of the children attending the Central Early Childhood Center.

I appreciate the assistance from Deptford Township Police Department in regards to this unsafe situation.

Sincerely,


Scott MacDonald
Principal