

MUNICIPALITY OF NORRISTOWN
A HOME RULE MUNICIPALITY
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 23 - 07 of 2023

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORRISTOWN, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 305 TITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC", ARTICLE II, SECTION 305-7, TITLED "SPEED LIMITS" OF THE NORRISTOWN MUNICIPAL CODE TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ALONG DEKALB STREET TO 25 MPH; AUTHORIZING THE POSTING OF APPROPRIATE SIGNS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania law, including the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code including 75 P.S. §6109, delegates certain powers to local authorities, such as the Municipality of Norristown, to establish and enforce speed limits and erect maintain traffic control devices related to the same; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Charter also authorizes the Municipality to regulate speed limits and traffic control devices within the Municipality's limits by ordinance and the Municipality has enacted within its Municipal Code provisions governing speed limits at Chapter 305 titled "Vehicles and Traffic," Article II titled "Traffic Regulations," Section 305-7 titled "Speed Limits;" and

WHEREAS, portions of DeKalb Street have a current speed limit of 35 mph, and, due to an increase in traffic accidents along DeKalb Street, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation conducted a study and recommended, and the Secretary of Transportation has approved, reducing the speed limit along DeKalb Street to 25 mph; and

WHEREAS, the Norristown Police Department and Public Works Department concurs with PennDOT and therefore recommends amending the Municipal Code of the Municipality of Norristown to reduce the speed limit along DeKalb Pike as 25 mph; and

WHEREAS, Council for the Municipality now desires to exercise its reasonable police powers and authority granted to it to regulate traffic flow in the Municipality for the safety, welfare and public health of the residents, passersby, and travelers within the Municipality based on the aforementioned recommendations and reviews.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it, and it is hereby **ORDAINED** by Norristown Municipal Council, and it is hereby **ENACTED** and **ORDAINED** by authority of same as follows:

SECTION 1: Chapter 305, Article II, Section 305-7 titled "Speed Limit", Subsection B of the Municipal Code of the Municipality of Norristown is hereby amended to delete all reference to DeKalb Street and thereby stating as follows:

B. The speed limit for both directions of traffic along the streets or parts thereof described in this subsection is hereby established at the rate of speed indicated in said schedule.

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Speed Limit (mph)</u>	<u>Location</u>
Johnson Highway	35	From east of Markley Street to New Hope Street

SECTION 2: As a result of the elimination of DeKalb Street from Subsection B, the maximum speed limit along DeKalb Street, including the portion between Main Street and Johnson Highway, shall be 25 mph pursuant to the existing language under §305-7.A.

SECTION 3: Appropriate signage shall be installed to reflect this Ordinance, and PennDOT is authorized to install said signage as offered.

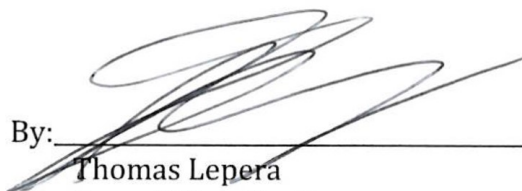
SECTION 4: In case of conflict between this Ordinance or any part hereof, and the whole or part of any existing ordinance of the Municipality, the provision that establishes the more restrictive standard shall prevail.


SECTION 5: If any section, subsection, clause, provision or portion of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect any other section, subsection, clause, provision or portion of this ordinance.

SECTION 6: This Ordinance shall be effective in accordance with the Municipal Home Rule Charter.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Municipal Council of the Municipality of Norristown, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania this 3rd day of October 2023.

NORRISTOWN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

By: 
Thomas Lepera
Council President

Attest 
Crandall O. Jones,
Municipal Administrator