

City of Somers Point
Ordinance

No. 25 of 2023 - **TABLED ON 10/26/2023**

An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing the Somers Point Municipal Code Chapter 250 Vehicles and Traffic, Article I General Provisions, Section 250-31 Schedule VII: Through Streets; and Section 250-32 Schedule VIII: Stop Intersections

WHEREAS, there has been an increase vehicular traffic in the City of Somers Point in recent years, which has made some of its primary arteries, such as New and Shore Road, more congested; and

WHEREAS, as a result of same, traffic patterns have shifted with people attempting to find an easier and faster way around the City; and

WHEREAS, Bay Avenue is one of the roadways in the City which has seen an increase vehicular traffic as a result of the shifting of traffic patterns within the City; and

WHEREAS, the speed limit on Bay Avenue between Maryland Avenue and Ocean Avenue is 25 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid portion of Bay Avenue is an area of approximately nine (9) blocks, which has no stop signs to act as a calming effect on traffic; and

WHEREAS, as a result of a review of Bay Avenue traffic patterns by the City's Engineer, Gregory Schneider, and in conjunction with input of the Police Chief, Rober Somers, it was determined that the placement of a three-way stop on Bay Avenue at its intersection with Dawes Avenue, would aid as a calming measure for vehicular traffic on this portion of Bay Avenue; and

WHEREAS, City Council, for purposes of public safety, is desirous to make the aforesaid intersection a three-way stop intersection; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend and supplement Chapter 250 of the Code of the City of Somers Point in order to implement such a three-way stop at the intersection of Bay and Dawes Avenues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Somers Point, County of Atlantic, and State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1:

Chapter 250 Vehicles and Traffic, Article I General Provisions, Section 250-31 Schedule VII: Through Streets, of the Code of the City of Somers Point is hereby amended to reflect that the "limits" of Bay Avenue shall read as follows: "Between Maryland Avenue and Dawes Avenue;" and then, "Between Dawes Avenue and Ocean Avenue."

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SECTION 2:

Chapter 250 Vehicles and Traffic, Article I General Provisions, Section 250-32 Schedule VIII: Stop Intersections, of the Code of the City of Somers Point is hereby amended to identify the intersection of Bay Avenue and Dawes Avenue as a stop intersection, with a stop sign on Bay Avenue (both sides at intersection with Dawes Avenue); Dawes Avenue (at its intersection with Bay Avenue).

SECTION 3:

All other provisions of Chapter 250 shall remain in full force and effect and shall apply to this amendment upon the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4:

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

SECTION 5:

Should any section, clause, sentence, phrase or provision or any item in any schedule of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 6:

This ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage, publication and adoption in the manner prescribed by law.