

ORDINANCE O:25-2023

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 267 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" TO CREATE SECTIONS 267-17.4 AND 267-17.5 TO GOVERN THE INSTALLATION OF IN-STREET PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SIGNS

WHEREAS, in accordance with Title 39:4-36 of the New Jersey Statutes, the driver of a vehicle shall stop and remain stopped to allow a pedestrian to cross the roadway within a marked crosswalk, when the pedestrian is upon, or within one lane of, the half of the roadway, upon which the vehicle is traveling or onto which it is turning; and

WHEREAS, there is a marked crosswalk on Whispering Wood Drive upon turning left from Cornus Court and traveling in a northward direction; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of pedestrian safety, the Monroe Township Police Department has recommended enhanced signage at the marked crosswalk on Whispering Wood Drive to alert drivers that they are required by State law to stop for pedestrians in accordance with Title 39:4-36 at this location; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Title 39:4-8(d), a municipality or county may, without the approval of the New Jersey Commissioner of Transportation, and consistent with current standards prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways, by ordinance, resolution, or regulation, regarding any street under its jurisdiction, install or place an in-street pedestrian crossing right-of-way sign at a marked crosswalk or unmarked crosswalk at an intersection; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, having considered issues raised regarding the marked crosswalk on Whispering Woods Drive, believes it to be in the best interest of the residents of the Township that the Township Code be amended to allow for the installation of an in-street pedestrian crossing sign at said crosswalk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that Chapter 267 is hereby amended to include the following:

SECTION I. Chapter 267 is hereby amended as follows:

Article II Traffic Regulations

§ 267-17.4 Guidelines for Installation of In-Street Pedestrian Crossing Signs.

The following requirements must be satisfied for the installation of an in-street pedestrian crossing sign:

- A. All in-Street Pedestrian Crossing Signs shall be compliant with the latest Edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.**
- B. The R1-6a "Stop for Pedestrian" sign shall be used.**
- C. The in-street pedestrian crossing sign shall not be used at signalized intersections.**

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- D. Signs shall only be installed in central business areas or other areas with significant pedestrian activity.
- E. Posted speeds along the roadway shall not exceed 35 mph.
- F. The sign's system, sign and support shall be no wider than 14 inches.
- G. There shall be a minimum clear roadway width of 24 feet.
- H. In-street pedestrian crossing signs shall only be used at marked crosswalks.
- I. If the device is attached to the pavement, it should be removable sleeve, lag screws, epoxy, etc., such that it can be removed for seasonal (snow removal) or other maintenance purposes.
- J. No signs may be physically attached to any state highway without NJDOT authorization.
- K. The signs shall only be installed on sections of roadway which have a no-passing zone, approaching the sign location from each direction of travel. A passing zone may exist once the motorist has passed the sign.
- L. The signs shall not be installed on one-way roadways, divided roadways, or roadways with two-way left-turn lanes.
- M. The in-street pedestrian crossing signs shall not:
 - 1. Contain metal, wood or other inflexible material or have sharp edges.
 - 2. Disintegrate or destruct upon impact so that it, or any of its component parts, becomes a projectile.
 - 3. Be located where it will adversely affect the turning radius of motor vehicles.

§ 267-17.5 Crosswalks Approved for In-Street Pedestrian Crossing Signs.

In accordance with the above requirements and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-8(d), in-street pedestrian right-of-way signs may be utilized on the following streets:

<u>Name of Street</u>	<u>Location</u>
<u>Whispering Woods Drive</u>	<u>Located at a point 225 feet North from the Northerly curb line of Cornus Court</u>

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SECTION II. All prior Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION III. If any word, phrase, clause, section or provision in this Ordinance shall be found by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable, illegal, or unconstitutional, such word phrase, clause, section or provision shall be severable from the balance of the Ordinance and the remainder of the Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION IV. This Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after final passage and publication as required by law.

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE

CNCL. PRES., CAROLANN FOX

ATTEST:

**Twp. Clerk, Aileen Chiselko, RMC
or Deputy Clerk, Jennifer Harbison, RMC**

CERTIFICATION OF CLERK

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe held on the 26th day of June, 2023, and will be considered for final passage and adoption at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe to be held on 24th day of July, 2023 at the Municipal Building, 125 Virginia Avenue, Williamstown, New Jersey 08094, at which time any person interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard.

**Twp. Clerk, Aileen Chiselko, RMC
or Deputy Clerk, Jennifer Harbison, RMC**

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ROLL CALL VOTE

1st Reading

	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Cncl. Adams				
Cncl. Garbowski				
Cncl. Heverly				
Cncl. McKinney				
Cncl. O'Reilly				
Cncl. Valcourt				
Cncl. Pres. Fox				
Tally:				

2nd Reading

	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Cncl. Adams				
Cncl. Garbowski				
Cncl. Heverly				
Cncl. McKinney				
Cncl. O'Reilly				
Cncl. Valcourt				
Cncl. Pres. Fox				
Tally:				

The foregoing ordinance was hereby approved by the Mayor of the Township of Monroe on this _____ day of _____, 2023.

MAYOR GREGORY A. WOLFE