

MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 7 - 2012

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING STOP INTERSECTIONS AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF BELLWOOD COURT AND COUNTRYSIDE DRIVE AND CHERRY BLOSSOM COURT AND BELLWOOD COURT; PROHIBITING THE PARKING OF VEHICLES ON FARMHOUSE LANE, CHERRY BLOSSOM COURT AND BELLWOOD COURT FROM NOVEMBER 1 THROUGH APRIL 1; ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS FOR BELLWOOD COURT AND CHERRY BLOSSOM COURT; PROVIDING FOR THE ERECTION OF SIGNS AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the Township of Middlesex is a Local Authority under the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code (Act of June 17, 1976, P.L. 162, No. 81, as amended [75 Pa.C.S.A. 101, et seq.]) having certain roads or highways under its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, said Township of Middlesex has conducted all necessary engineering and traffic investigations incidental to its exercise of authority hereunder; and

WHEREAS, said Township of Middlesex deems it in the best interest of its residents and the users of highways in Middlesex Township to require that points of access to said highways have traffic control in order to promote safety to vehicular traffic; and

WHEREAS, said Township of Middlesex deems it in the best interest of its residents and the users of certain roads and highways to control intersections by "stop signs"; and

WHEREAS, said Township of Middlesex further deems it in the best interest of its residents and the users of roads or highways to prohibit the parking (including the standing and

stopping) of vehicles on certain roadways and highways and establish speed limits for certain roadways in Middlesex Township.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Board of Township Supervisors in and for the Township of Middlesex, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

SECTION 1: PREAMBLE AND POLICY.

The foregoing paragraphs and preamble are incorporated herein as the background and policy of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2: DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION.

Words and phrases used in this Ordinance shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code (Act of June 17, 1976, P.L. 162, No. 81) as amended, except that in this Ordinance the word "road" may be used interchangeably with the word "highway" and shall have the same meaning as the word "highway" as defined in the Vehicle Code.

SECTION 3: STOP INTERSECTIONS ESTABLISHED AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

(a) The following intersections are hereby established as stop intersections, at which an official stop sign shall be erected within the legal right-of-way limits of the road and positioned as specified:

1. The intersection of Bellwood Court and Countryside Drive, at which an official stop sign shall be erected on the southern side of Countryside Drive to stop traffic traveling north on Bellwood Court approaching Countryside Drive from the south.
2. The intersection of Cherry Blossom Court and Bellwood Court, at which an official stop sign shall be erected on the eastern side of Bellwood Court to stop traffic

traveling west on Cherry Blossom Court approaching Bellwood Court from the east.

(b) Every driver of a vehicle approaching the above mentioned intersections in the directions indicated in subsection 3(a), 1 and 2, above, shall stop the vehicle as required by Section 3323(b) of the Vehicle Code and shall not proceed into, through or across said intersection of streets or roads until he/she has followed all applicable requirements of that section of the Code.

(c) Any person who violates any provision of this Section is guilty of a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars and costs of the proceeding.

SECTION 4: PARKING PROHIBITED ON OR ALONG FARMHOUSE LANE, CHERRY BLOSSOM COURT AND BELLWOOD COURT AND PENALTIES THEREFOR.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person, from November 1 each year up through and including April 1 the subsequent (following) year, to park a vehicle within any portion of the cul-de-sac ends or areas of Farmhouse Lane, Cherry Blossom Court and Bellwood Court.

(b) The word "park" as used herein shall be construed to include the terms "park" or "parking", "stand" or "standing" and "stop" or "stopping".

(c) Appropriate signs shall be posted at the areas where parking is prohibited.

(d) The Middlesex Township Police Department is authorized and empowered to physically remove any vehicle which is parked, stopped or standing in violation of this Ordinance and to impound the same in the custody of the Township of Middlesex. Any costs of removal shall be paid by the owner of the vehicle, which costs shall be a lien on the vehicle during its impoundment.

(e) Any person who violates any provision of this Section shall upon conviction before a District Justice, be sentenced to pay a fine of fifty (\$50.00) Dollars.

SECTION 5: MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT ESTABLISHED; PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

(a) A maximum speed limit of 25 miles per hour is hereby established for Bellwood Court from its intersection with Countryside Drive south to the cul-de-sac of Bellwood Court.

(b) A maximum speed limit of 25 miles per hour is hereby established for Cherry Blossom Court from its intersection with Bellwood Court East to the cul-de-sac of Cherry Blossom Court.

(c) Appropriate signs shall be posted noting said maximum speed limit and such other signs shall be posted in accordance with the engineering and traffic study conducted, said signs to be erected in accordance with regulations adopted by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

(d) It shall be unlawful for any person to drive a vehicle on any part or portion of Bellwood Court or Cherry Blossom Court designated in (a) or (b), above, at a speed higher than the maximum speed prescribed for said roads by this Ordinance.

(e) Any person who violates any provision of this Section is guilty of a summary offense and shall upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of \$35.00. Any person exceeding the maximum speed limit shall pay an additional fine of \$2.00 per mile for each mile in excess of five miles over the maximum speed limit.

SECTION 6: SEVERABILITY.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable, and if any of its provisions shall be

held to be unconstitutional, illegal or otherwise invalid, that decision shall not affect the validity of any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance. It is declared to be the legislative intention that this Ordinance would have been enacted had the unconstitutional, illegal or otherwise invalid provisions not been included in the Ordinance.

SECTION 7: CONTINUATION OF EXISTING REGULATIONS.

The provisions of this Ordinance insofar as they are the same as those of ordinances and regulations in force immediately before the enactment of this Ordinance are intended as a continuation of those earlier ordinances and regulations. Nothing in this Ordinance shall affect any act done or any suit or prosecution pending or to be instituted under any earlier ordinances or regulations repealed or superseded hereby.

SECTION 8: EFFECTIVE DATE.

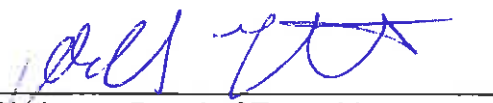
This Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with existing law.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 28th day of December, 2012.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLESEX


Township Secretary

By: 
Chairman, Board of Township
Supervisors

(Township Seal)