GREENWICH TOWNSHIP BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Ordinance No. 201-1

AN ORDINANCE OF GREENWICH TOWNSHIP, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, TEMPORARLY REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT ON THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF CERTAIN ENUMERATED ROADS IN GREENWICH TOWNSHIP TO TWENTY FIVE (25) MILES PER HOUR, NAMELY, T-775, KNOWN AS "GUN CLUB ROAD"; T-803, KNOWN AS "KUTZ MILL ROAD"; T-822, KNOWN AS "ZETTLEMOYER ROAD"; T-778, KNOWN AS "WESSNER ROAD"; AND AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF SIGNS STATING SAID SPEED LIMIT ALONG THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF SAID ROADS IN GREENWICH TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Greenwich Township are authorized pursuant to the Second Class Township Code to enact ordinances to protect public health, safety, and welfare;

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Board of Supervisors that the long term closure of Route 737 for bridge replacements has resulted in increased amounts of non-local traffic now traveling on the more narrow and winding Township roads that are not designed for such heavy traffic and as a result the condition of the road surfaces are rapidly deteriorating.

WHEREAS, under Pennsylvania law these roads have fifty five (55) miles per hour speed limits since they have no posted speed limit signs;

WHEREAS, due to the width, topography, site distances and surface of these roads set forth herein, the Board of Supervisors has determined that during the closure of Route 737, increased non-local vehicular travel at such speeds is inadvisable and unsafe; and,

WHEREAS, under the Vehicle Code, a municipality is authorized to reduce the maximum speed limit for vehicles on roads under its control to twenty five (25) miles per hour without the need for a traffic study.

IT IS THEREFORE ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Greenwich Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the authority of the same as follows:

Section 1. The maximum speed limit along the entire length of the following roads in Greenwich Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, shall be reduced to twenty five (25) miles per hour:

- a. T-775, known as "Gun Club Road";
- b. T-803, known as "Kutz Mill Road";
- c. T-822, known as "Zettlemoyer Road";
- d. T-778, known as "Wessner Road";

Section 2. The Roadmaster is authorized to place signs of the form and type approved and authorized by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PENNDOT), in the manner required under PENNDOT regulations, setting forth the aforementioned maximum speed limit of 25 miles per hour.

Section 3. If any sentence, clause, section or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Board of Supervisors of Greenwich Township that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herein.

<u>Section 4</u>. All ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as they are inconsistent with this Ordinance.

<u>Section 5</u>. This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days from the date of enactment.

DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 2nd day of May, 2011.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GREENWICH TOWNSHIP, BERKS COUNTY, PA

Victor M. Berger, Chairman

Harry Hoppes, Supervisor

Jacqueline Hollenbach, Supervisor

Attest: