

**TOWNSHIP OF BLAIRSTOWN
COUNTY OF WARREN
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCENO. 2019-010

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 184 ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BLAIRSTOWN

WHEREAS, the Township Committee had conducted a review of the Township Code and of the Codes of other municipalities related to the traffic controls for street and highway construction and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee determined that it was necessary to amend the Code to address this public safety concern; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee, upon further review of the Code, has determined that the ordinance to address the traffic controls for street and highway construction and maintenance must be revised to remove certain table references; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Blairstown, Warren County, New Jersey, that Chapter 184 entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” of the Code of the Township of Blairstown be an is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 184 “Vehicles and Traffic” shall be amended to read as follows:

§184-29 Traffic controls for street and highway construction and maintenance operations.

F. Traffic directors. Any person, contractor, or in the case of a public utility as required under the public utility agreement (other than municipal, county or state employees), wishing to conduct work on, above or below any of the roadways in the Township; is working within 200 feet of an intersection of any road within the Township; is working in the vicinity of specific geographic features (e.g., sharp curves, alongside of rivers, steep embankments, etc.); is working within 1,000 feet of a Township of Blairstown Board of Education property; and/or diverts or interrupts motor vehicle or pedestrian traffic flow shall be required to hire off-duty Township of Blairstown police officers or traffic directors to ensure compliance with the MUTCD as well as to control traffic traveling through the work zone. The Administrative Division of the Township of Blairstown Police Department shall be contacted at least 48 hours before starting work to arrange for the hiring of off-duty officers if needed. The number of officers or traffic directors required shall be determined by the Township of Blairstown Police Department and approved by the Officer-in-Charge. For all work on any roadway in the Township, traffic control shall be by off-duty Township of Blairstown police officers. The requirement to hire off-duty officers for work on, above, below, or adjacent to the roadways in the Township shall only apply to work that will take in excess of one hour to complete. All work on, above, below, or adjacent to any roadway in the Township taking less than one hour, may be controlled with traffic directors, unless off-duty Township of Blairstown police officers are deemed necessary by the Police Department and approved by the Officer-in-Charge. All civilian flagmen must wear lime green glow-type

traffic vests and must be educated as to the proper operation of traffic flag controls. If flagmen cannot see each other, they must have walkie-talkie communication between them. In the event that work requires any road to be closed to traffic 24 hours a day, the hiring of off-duty Township of Blirstown police officers will be required when it is deemed necessary by the Police Department and approved by the Officer-in-Charge.

All other portions of this Chapter remain unchanged.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances of the Township of Blirstown inconsistent herewith are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court or competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. This law shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval and publication as required by law.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOREGOING Ordinance was introduced at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Blirstown, in the County of Warren and State of New Jersey, held on May 8, 2019 and will be further considered for final passage after public hearing thereon at a regular meeting of said Township Committee to be held at the Municipal Building, 106 Route 94 in the Township of Blirstown, New Jersey on June 12, 2019 at 7:30PM

Linda Leidner, Clerk