

LOWER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE 2011- 05

AN ORDINANCE OF LOWER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING A PORTION OF PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE (TR-655) (BETWEEN NORTH DELAWARE DRIVE (PA-611) AND ANN AVENUE (TR-653)) AS A ONE-WAY STREET TO PROVIDE A SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION OF TRAVEL; AND PROVIDING FOR A GENERAL REPEALER, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, 67 Pa. Code § 1.1, *et seq.*, provides for the establishment of a one-way street if certain conditions are satisfied, 67 Pa. Code § 212.113; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lower Mount Bethel Township desires to establish the portion of Pennsylvania Avenue (TR-655) between North Delaware Drive (PA-611) and Ann Avenue (TR-653), shown on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, as a one-way street, providing for traffic flow in the southeasterly direction (away from North Delaware Drive (PA-611)); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, after consultation with the Township's Director of Public Works, has determined that the traffic flow from the affected portion of Pennsylvania Avenue (TR-655) can be accommodated in both directions via Alpha Avenue (TR-685), Ann Avenue (TR-653), and the remaining portion of Pennsylvania Avenue (TR-655) which is not designated as a one-way street by this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, after consultation with the Township's Director of Public Works, has determined that Pennsylvania Avenue (TR-655) has a reasonable number of intersections for entrance to and exit from the one-way portion of Pennsylvania Avenue (TR-655); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, after consultation with the Township's Director of Public Works, has determined that the roadways at the terminal points of the one-way portion of Pennsylvania Avenue (TR-655) provide satisfactory transitions to and from the intersecting two-way operations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, after consultation with the Township's Director of Public Works, has determined that establishing a portion of Pennsylvania Avenue (TR-655) as a one-way street will address concerns regarding safety, congestion, and delays at the

intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue (TR-655) and North Delaware Drive (PA-611) and the intersection of North Delaware Drive (PA-611) and Alpha Avenue (TR-625) which is in very close proximity to the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue (TR-655) and North Delaware Drive (PA-611); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has determined that Lower Mount Bethel Township, including the portion of Pennsylvania Avenue (TR-655) to be established as a one-way street, is not served by bus service; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, after consultation with the Township’s emergency service providers, has determined that emergency vehicles can reasonably and expeditiously reach their destinations if the affected portion of Pennsylvania Avenue (TR-655) is established as a one-way street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of Lower Mount Bethel Township, County of Northampton, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. All recitals are herein incorporated by reference.

Section 2. Pennsylvania Avenue (TR-655) Between North Delaware Drive (PA-0611) and Ann Avenue (TR-653) as a One-Way Street with a Southeasterly Direction of Travel.

a. A portion of Pennsylvania Avenue (TR-655) shall hereby be established as a one-way street as follows:

<u>STREET</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>DIRECTION OF TRAVEL</u>
Pennsylvania Avenue (TR-655)	North Delaware Drive (PA-611)	Ann Avenue (TR-653)	Southeasterly

The portion of Pennsylvania Avenue (TR-655) established as a one-way street is shown on Exhibit “A” attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

b. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive a vehicle on that portion of Pennsylvania Avenue (TR-655) between North Delaware Drive (PA-611) and Ann Avenue (TR-653) in any direction other than that established herein.

c. Signs and poles notifying the public of the travel limitations set forth herein shall be placed on Pennsylvania Avenue (TR-655) and/or the surrounding roads to properly identify the direction of travel on that portion of Pennsylvania Avenue (TR-655) between North Delaware Drive (PA-611) and Ann Avenue (TR-653).

Section 3. General Repealer. Any ordinance, resolution, and/or other regulation of the Township, or any parts of ordinance, resolution, and/or other regulation of the Township, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. All other provisions of the ordinances, resolutions, and

other regulations of Lower Mount Bethel Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable. If any article, section, subsection, paragraph, clause, phrase, or provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid or held unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part or provisions hereof, other than the part determined to be invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days following the date of adoption by the Board of Supervisors and shall be recorded in the Ordinance Book of the Township.

DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED as an Ordinance of Lower Mount Bethel Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, this 17th day of October, 2011 by a majority of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Lower Mount Bethel, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, at a duly advertised meeting of the Board of Supervisors at which a quorum was present. As part of this Ordinance, the Board of Supervisors has directed that the Chairperson, or Vice-Chair in the absence of the Chairperson, execute this Ordinance on behalf of the Board.

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MOUNT BETHEL
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

By: Susan Disidore
Susan E. Disidore, Chairperson

Attest:

Lori A. Stauffer
Lori A. Stauffer, Secretary
Township Secretary
(Seal)