

**TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-12

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO REVISE CHAPTER 410, SECTION 54, SCHEDULE II, "SPEED LIMITS," OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD TO CHANGE THE SPEED LIMIT ON WALNUT AVENUE.

WHEREAS, the Motor Vehicle and Traffic Law, N.J.S.A. 39:4-8 and -197(1)(a), authorize a county or a municipality to regulate by ordinance or resolution the designation of reasonable and safe speed limits upon self-contained streets having no direct connection with any street in another jurisdiction or county; and

WHEREAS, the authority of counties and municipalities to regulate and designate reasonable and safe speed limits requires certification by the county or municipal engineer that the erection of such signs has been approved by them, is in the interest of safety, and conforms to the current standards prescribed by the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey, desires to revise Chapter 410 of the Code of the Township of Cranford in order to lower the speed limit on Walnut Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford prepared a Speed and Safety Investigation Report, which concluded that the proposed reduction in the speed limit along Walnut Avenue (CR 632), between Chester Lang Place and Raritan Road, from 40 and 35 mph to 25 mph on both sides of the roadway would conform to the current standards prescribed by the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Cranford referred the Speed and Safety Investigation Report to the Union County Engineer on or about February 21, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer has reviewed the Report without comment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, State of New Jersey that Chapter 410 of the Code of the Township of Cranford be revised to read as follows:

Section 1

§410-55 – Schedule II: Speed limits.

In accordance with the provisions of § 410-6, speed limits are hereby established upon the following described streets or parts thereof:

| Name of Street | Speed Limit (mph) | Location |
|----------------|-------------------------|---|
| Walnut Avenue | 35 <u>25</u> | From the center of Raritan Road to the center of <u>North Avenue</u> Lincoln Avenue East , except for a school speed limit |
| Walnut Avenue | 25 | From the center of Lincoln Avenue East to the center of North Avenue |

1. Regulatory and warning signs shall be erected and maintained to effect the above-designated speed limit.

Section 2.

Severability. The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, if any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3.

Repealer. Any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to their inconsistencies only. Any Ordinance, or portion thereof, not specifically amended, revised or supplemented by the foregoing shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4.

Referral to Union County Engineer & Effective Date. A certified copy of the Ordinance shall be forwarded to the Union County Engineer. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption after publication in accordance with law and upon a concurring adopted Union County Resolution.

Introduced: May 7, 2024

Adopted: June 11, 2024

Approved:

Brian Andrews, Mayor
Township Committee

Attest:

Patricia Donahue, RMC
Municipal Clerk

RECORDED VOTE

INTRODUCED

ADOPTED

Brian Andrews

Aye

Aye

Terrence Curran

Aye

Absent

Paul A. Gallo

Aye

Aye

Kathleen Miller Prunty

Aye

Aye

Gina Black

Aye

Aye