

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 7, TRAFFIC, SUBSECTION 7-19, THROUGH STREETS AND 7-21 MULTIWAY STOP INTERSECTIONS OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE

WHEREAS, Joseph A. Fishinger, Jr., P.E., P.T.O.E and John J. Jahr P.T.P, T.S.O.S of Bright View Engineering, have prepared an All-Way Stop Analysis Report dated December 28,2023 which established a warrant for All-Way Stop Control to be installed at the intersection of Valley Road and Mitchell Street due to sight distance limitations, and to prevent turning conflicts; and

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of West Orange, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Township Council of the Township of West Orange finds it in the interest of public safety to designate the intersection of Valley Road and Mitchell Street as an All-Way-Stop Intersection pursuant to N.J.S.A.39:4-8, 39:4-138 and 39:4-197.

Section 2. The Assistant Municipal Engineer recommends the installation of all-way-stop signs at the intersection of Valley Road and Mitchell Street consistent with the current standards prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways (MUTCD).

Section 3. Subsection 7-19, Through Streets, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange is hereby supplemented and amended as follows pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39: 4-140 (*italic type denotes deletion, bold type denotes addition*):

Name of Street

Limits:

Valley Road

e. The Intersection of Valley Road and Mitchell Street is hereby designated a Multi-Way Stop Intersection. Stop Signs shall be installed at all Intersecting Streets

Section 4. Subsection 7-21, Multi-Way Stops, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of West Orange is hereby supplemented and amended as follows pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:4-140 (*italic type denotes deletion, bold type denotes addition*):

Intersections

Stop Signs On:

Valley Road and Mitchell Street

All Intersecting Streets

Section 5. If any provisions of the Ordinance or application thereof, under any circumstances, is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect any of the provisions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the valid provision(s) or application and to this end, the provisions of the Ordinance are severable.

Section 6. All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 7. Unless another penalty is expressly provided by New Jersey Statute, every person convicted of a violation of any provision of this Ordinance or any supplement thereto shall be liable to the penalty of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) or imprisonment for a term not to exceed fifteen (15) days or both, as per W.O.R.G.O. Chapter 7-4.2

Susan McCartney, Mayor

Bill Rutherford, Council President

Karen J. Carnevale, R.M.C., Municipal Clerk

Introduced: January 9, 2024

Adopted: January 23, 2024

Legislative History

The Ordinance, which amends the Traffic Regulations of the Township, designates the intersection of Valley Road and Mitchell Street as a Multi-Way Stop intersection with Stop signs on all intersecting streets. Due to the limited sight distances at the intersection, turning movements, and, volume of vehicles and pedestrian traffic, the Township's Engineering Department determined that traffic needed to be regulated on all approaches for the safety of the public. Currently the intersection is regulated by Stop Signs but it is not a Multi Way Stop intersection.