

ORDINANCE NO: _____

AN ORDINANCE OF EAST ROCKHILL TOWNSHIP AMENDING SECTION 1717 OF CHAPTER 27 OF THE EAST ROCKHILL TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO SPECIFIC ROADS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP; AMENDING SECTION 506 OF CHAPTER 22 OF THE EAST ROCKHILL TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES TO RECLASSIFY THREE MILE RUN ROAD EAST OF STATE RTE. 313 AND OLD BETHLEHEM ROAD FROM MINOR COLLECTOR TO LOCAL ACCESS ROADS; AMENDING CHAPTER 15 OF THE EAST ROCKHILL TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR SPEED LIMITS AND INSTALLATION OF APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE ON THE ENTIRETY OF THREE MILE RUN ROAD AND OLD BETHLEHEM ROAD; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE FIVE DAYS AFTER ENACTMENT

WHEREAS, East Rockhill Township is empowered to classify roads and establish speed limits for roads within its jurisdictional boundaries pursuant to the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code, 75 Pa.C.S. §6109; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan for East Rockhill Township, adopted in 2020, recommends the reclassification of Three Mile Run Road and Old Bethlehem Road from minor collector road to local access roads for the portions east of Pennsylvania Route 313; and

WHEREAS, a local access road calls for a lower speed limit and a lower width of right-of-way compared to minor collector road; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of East Rockhill Township has determined that it is in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare to adopt the recommendation of the Comprehensive Plan with respect to Three Mile Run Road and Old Bethlehem Road, both east of Pennsylvania Route 313.

NOW, THEREFORE, the East Rockhill Township Board of Supervisors, upon review by the East Rockhill Township Planning Commission and the Bucks County Planning Commission, hereby enacts an ordinance reclassifying Three Mile Run Road and Old Bethlehem Road, both east of Pennsylvania Route 313 and establishing a Twenty-Five mile per hour speed limit on the same stretches, as follows:

ARTICLE I. SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE

Chapter 22, Subdivision and Land Development, of the Code of Ordinances of East Rockhill Township is hereby amended at Section 506(3) to restate that Three Mile Run Road and Old Bethlehem Road, both *west of State Rte. 313* is a Minor Collector. The revised Section 22-506(3) shall read as follows:

3. **Street Classification.** Township streets are classified as follows:

- A. Arterial. Dublin Pike (S.R. 313)
- B. Major Collector. Ridge Road (S.R.563), Fifth Street, and North Park Road
- C. Minor Collector. Park Avenue, Old Bethlehem Pike, Callowhill Road, Rockhill Road, Three Mile Run Road (*west of S.R. 313*), Branch Road, Blooming Glen Road, Schwenkmill Road, Sterner Mill Road, and Richlandtown Road
- D. Local Access. All other roads not classified above as arterial, major collector, or minor collector.

ARTICLE II. **ZONING ORDINANCE**

Chapter 27, Zoning, of the East Rockhill Township Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to remove all references to individual streets and restate §27-1717 to reference the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. The revised §27-1717 shall read as follows:

§27-1717. Future Right-of-Way. Required right-of-way shall be determined based upon road classifications set forth in the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (§22-506).

ARTICLE III. **STREETS ORDINANCE**

Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Part 2 relating to Traffic Regulations is amended at §201.1 to establish speed limits for Old Bethlehem Road and Three Mile Run Road east of S.R. 313 and west of S.R. 313. The Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to install the appropriate signage to effectuate the speed limits established below

Street	Between	Maximum Speed Limit
Old Bethlehem Road	East of S.R. 313	25 mph
Three Mile Run Road	West of S.R. 313	35 mph
Three Mile Run Road	East of S.R. 313	25 mph

ARTICLE IV. **REPEALER**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

ARTICLE V. **SEVERABILITY**

If any section, paragraph, sub-section, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than that portion specifically declared invalid.

ARTICLE VI. **EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after its passage or adoption.

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ENACTED AND ORDAINED this _____ day of _____, A.D., 2024.

EAST ROCKHILL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

David R. Nyman, Chair

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