

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ROAD  
WORK ZONE REGULATIONS AND  
AMENDING THE "CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP  
OF PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, 1968".**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Princeton,  
County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Chapter 11 of the "Code of the Township of Princeton, New Jersey, 1968"  
which establishes motor vehicle and traffic regulations within the Township is amended by  
adding thereto a NEW Article X which shall read as follows:

*Article X*  
*Work Zone Regulations.*

**Sec. 11-64. Adoption of Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and  
Highways.**

The township committee hereby finds and declares that problems of traffic control  
occur when traffic must be moved through or around street construction, maintenance  
operation, and utility work, above and below ground which requires blocking the roadway  
and obstructing the normal flow of traffic; and that such obstructions are or can become  
dangerous when not properly controlled. In order to better promote the public health, safety,  
peace and welfare, it is necessary to establish controls and regulations directed to the safe and  
expeditious movement of traffic through construction and maintenance zones and to provide  
safety for the work force performing these operations.

**Sec. 11-65. Pre-Construction Meetings.**

It shall be the responsibility of the person, contractor, or of a public utility wishing to  
conduct work that will interfere with the normal traffic flow, on, under, above any roadway  
or roadway right-of-way, to contact the traffic safety bureau of the township police

department and the township engineering department in order to arrange a review or pre-construction meeting to submit plans for the safe movement of traffic during such period of construction activity. Any person, contractor or utility who fails to comply with this section prior to the start of such work or whose plans are not approved by the traffic safety unit of the police department is in violation of this part.

**Sec. 11-66. Street or Highway Construction Under the Jurisdiction of the Township.**

Prior to the commencement of any work within the right-of-way or easement area of any street or highway under the jurisdiction of the township a permit is required to be obtained from the township engineering department.

Permits shall be obtained in accordance with sections 19-5 and 19-9 of the township code. All work shall be completed in accordance with all applicable provisions of section 19 of the Code.

**Sec. 11-67. Hazardous Conditions.**

The person, contractor, or utility, prior to the start of any work, shall provide the traffic safety bureau of the police department and the township engineering department with at least two (2) emergency contact phone numbers to be called in case of emergency problems at the construction or maintenance site. If for any reason emergency contacts cannot be reached, or if the emergency contact person does not respond to the call from the police department to correct such hazardous conditions within one (1) hour of notification, the township may respond to correct such hazardous condition. The reasonable fees for such emergency service by the township shall be charged to the person, contractor, or utility responsible for such hazardous conditions.

**Sect. 11-68. Hours Permitted for Construction.**

There shall be no construction, maintenance operations, or utility work on any roadway in the township before the hour of 9:00 a.m. or after 3:00 p.m. This time limit may be adjusted to permit work to prior to 9:00 a.m. or after 3:00 p.m. by the traffic safety bureau of the township police department in consultation with the township engineering department.

If it is determined by the traffic sergeant or designee that the construction or maintenance operations prior to 9:00 a.m. or after 4:00 p.m. would substantially delay traffic or cause a safety or health hazard, the work shall then be permitted only between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

**Sec. 11-69. Road Closing and Detours.**

Road closing and/or traffic detours and diversions shall not be permitted unless approved by the township police department traffic safety bureau in consultation with the township engineering department.

**Section 11-70. Traffic Control.**

Traffic control shall be posted at all construction or maintenance sites when determined by the township police department and in accordance with the M.U.T.C.D., when that same is necessary to provide for the safe and expeditious movement of traffic. Traffic control must be carried out by certified personnel or police, depending on site conditions.

**Sect. 11-71. Stop Work.**

The traffic safety unit of the township police department and the township engineering department shall have the authority to stop work, including the removal of equipment and vehicles, material stored with the street right-of-way, back filling of open

excavations and/or other related work, in order to abate any nuisance and/or safety hazard or for any violation of the part.

**Sec. 11.72. Site Preparation.**

It is to be expressly understood that no materials, vehicles or equipment are to be placed in the roadway, sidewalk or right-of-way area until all construction signs, lights, devices, and pavement markings are installed.

**Sec. 11.73. Violations and Penalties.**

Any person, contractor or utility who commits a violation of this part shall, upon conviction thereof for first offense pay a fine of not less than one hundred (\$100.00) dollars nor more than five hundred (\$500.00) dollars and/or be imprisoned for a term not exceeding ninety (90) days. For a second offense, upon conviction thereof, pay a fine of not less than two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars and/or be imprisoned for a term not exceeding ninety (90) days. For a third offense, upon conviction thereof, pay a fine of not less than five hundred (\$500.00) dollars and/or imprisoned for a term not exceeding ninety (90) days. A separate offense shall be deemed to have occurred on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as provided for by law.

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Linda S. McDermott, Clerk

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Bernard P. Miller, Mayor