

**CHELtenham TOWNSHIP
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 29-18

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP,
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ENCOURAGING STATE ENABLING
LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ALLOW PENNDOT
TO PERMIT MUNICIPALITIES TO MODIFY
PENNDOT WARRANT CRITERIA ON TOWNSHIP-
OWNED ROADS TO BETTER BALANCE ROAD
AND INTERSECTION SAFETY AND EFFICIENCY**

WHEREAS, public protection and safety is a principal reason why municipalities are established and exist; and

WHEREAS, municipal police are statutorily authorized to protect the public primarily through the enforcement of the Crimes Code (Title 18) and Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code (Title 75); and

WHEREAS, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) has been given the authority to oversee, set policies and regulate and administer criteria for safe and efficient driving conditions, including speed limits, traffic signal timing, criteria for intersection controls, and roadway signage, among others on state and local roadways in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, local police departments and municipalities rely on and follow PennDOT standards when establishing speed limits, stop intersections and implementing traffic calming measures on local roadways within their municipalities, that may not always fit the conditions of their neighborhoods where the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists are paramount to establishing livable, sustainable communities and may run counter to PennDOT goals of moving traffic efficiently; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of public health, safety and sustainability of our current public trust as well as responsibilities to future generations, Cheltenham Township adopted a Sustainability Plan in 2013, calling for increased pedestrian, bicycle and ADA accessible pathways to our municipal, educational and commercial centers; and

WHEREAS, speeding of traffic along and through our residential neighborhoods has been a constant, primary and intensifying complaint to police, school and municipal authorities, causing:

- (a) Disproportionate time, budget and attention to be devoted to the issue without resolution due to overly restrictive PennDOT traffic calming warrants

- (b) The altering of the legitimate and normal behavior of our residents to decrease or desist walking to destinations, walking with children and pets, and or riding bicycles on our streets due to PennDOT warrants that prioritize the moving of vehicles over the needs and rights of pedestrians and bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, the Cheltenham Township Board of Commissioners believes local governments have a closer grasp on their own community’s needs and should be able to work in consultation with PennDOT to modify warrants for roadway speeds and traffic calming measures, including the use of stop signs and other enforcement devices as it finds necessary to ensure its neighborhoods are safe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Cheltenham Township hereby asks that PennDOT grant local municipalities the opportunity to modify warrants for traffic enforcement and calming on local roadways to better balance roadway safety and efficiency.

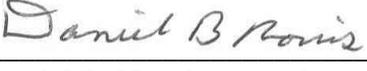
I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Cheltenham, County of Montgomery, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at its public meeting held at Curtis Hall, 1250 West Church Road, Wyncote, Pennsylvania, 19095, under my hand and the Seal of the Township of Cheltenham, this **20th** day of **June, A.D., 2018**, in the year of the Township of Cheltenham the one hundred nineteenth.

ATTEST:

**TOWNSHIP OF CHELTENHAM
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



Bryan T. Havir
Township Manager and Secretary

By: 

Daniel B. Norris, President