

**READING TOWNSHIP
ADAMS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE 2024 - 03

**AN ORDINANCE
AMENDING ORDINANCE 1987-2, CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 15 MOTOR VEHICLES
AND TRAFFIC, TO ADD PART 7 ENGINE BRAKE RETARDERS**

WHEREAS Reading Township has adopted Ordinance 1987-2, codified as Chapter 15 Motor Vehicles and Traffic, under the police powers of the Township; and

WHEREAS Reading Township submitted a request to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PaDOT) for restriction of the use of engine brake retarder on certain state roads in the Township; and

WHEREAS PaDOT performed traffic engineering and safety studies and, by letter dated June 6, 2024, authorized the Township to install engine brake retarders prohibition signs on certain state roads in the Township; and

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors believes that the public health, safety, and welfare of all the residents of the Township will be better served and protected by the adoption of this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Reading Township:

Section 1. Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Ordinance 1987-2, codified in 2014 by Ordinance 2014-01, as Chapter 15 Motor Vehicles and Traffic, to add Part 7 for the prohibition of the use of engine brake retarders on certain state roads in the Township.

Section 2. Enabling Authority

This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the enabling authority of Sections 1506 and 2322 of the Second Class Township Code.

Section 3. Amendment

Chapter 15 is amended to add the following:

Part 7

Engine Brake Retarders

§15-701 Prohibition on Use of Engine Brake Retarders

The use of engine brake retarders is prohibited on the following roads:

Carlisle Pike (SR 0094) from Fawn Avenue (Segment 0140) to East Berlin Road (Segment 0160)

Hunterstown/Hampton Road (SR 0394) from .8 miles west of Hampton Road (Segment 0270) to Carlisle Pike (Segment 0284)

Section 4. Repealer

All other ordinances of Reading Township that conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed. All other ordinances of the Township not specifically amended or repealed hereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. Severability.

In the event that a court of competent jurisdiction declares any section, provision, clause or term of this Ordinance invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of any of the remaining portions of the Ordinance.


Section 6. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective five days from the date of enactment.


ENACTED this 18th day of November, 2024.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:



Kimberly Beard, Secretary



Wes Thomason, Chairman



Jason Phillips, Vice-Chairman



Mike Weigand, Supervisor