

Township Clerk  
Mount Olive Township  
204 Flanders Drakstown Road  
P.O. Box 450  
Budd Lake, NJ 07828

December 23, 2008

*cc: Admin  
Chief Spitzer*

Re: Assembly Bill No. 2731  
New Procedure  
Traffic Control Device Approvals

Dear Township Clerk:

I am writing to inform you of new legislation Governor Corzine signed into law on December 5, 2008 because it allows you the opportunity to manage traffic in a more timely manner in your community. Assembly Bill No. 2731 permits municipalities and counties to make certain traffic engineering decisions on roadways under their jurisdictional control **without the approval of the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT)**. **This new law allows municipalities to assume greater responsibilities for managing their traffic.** In an effort to dramatically reduce the time it takes to gain approvals for new and revised traffic control devices and regulations, municipalities are now permitted to conduct the appropriate traffic engineering studies and pass appropriate regulations to legally establish the traffic control devices without any involvement of the NJDOT.

Specifically, by changing Title 39 of the Revised Statutes, the legislation allows local jurisdictions to implement new and revised traffic control devices in a more expedient manner. The following traffic control devices are included in the new legislation:

- stop signs;
- 4-way stop control;
- traffic signals;
- speed limits;
- no passing zones;
- parking restrictions; and
- traffic controls on private property.

However, the devices cannot be installed indiscriminately. The law requires that a traffic study be completed and the study recommendations be certified by a registered New Jersey Professional Engineer. The study shall indicate that the traffic control device in question "has been approved by the engineer after investigation of the circumstances, appear to the engineer to be in the best interest of safety and the expedition of traffic on the public highways, and conforms to the current standards prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways as adopted by the Commissioner."

At Orth-Rodgers & Associates, we know that you have been struggling with long review times at NJDOT or with the difficulty of achieving approvals in the first place. We wholeheartedly offer our assistance to you in making the transition by providing qualified traffic engineers to perform comprehensive traffic studies. By providing a 'one-stop shop' for traffic engineering services, we will enable you to take advantage of the intent of Assembly Bill 2731.

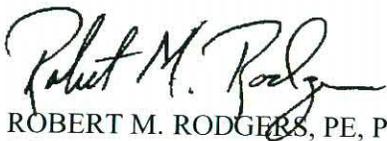
Since 1977, we have performed comprehensive traffic engineering services for New Jersey counties and municipalities, as well as for the NJDOT. We specialize in traffic engineering and transportation issues and are ready to support your governing body and municipal engineer in implementing approved traffic controls under this new procedure.

Led by P. Norman Deitch, the New Jersey office of Orth-Rodgers & Associates has several staff members who have previously retired from the New Jersey Department of Transportation, Bureau of Traffic Engineering and Investigations as managers and as a result are very familiar with the study requirements needed to evaluate all types of traffic control devices. They have years of experience doing just such work for Cape May and Monmouth Counties and several municipalities on an ongoing basis. In addition, Orth-Rodgers & Associates currently has three former state chief traffic engineers on staff who also serve on the committees responsible for writing the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, the national manual that NJDOT strictly follows. No other firm can make that claim.

**Orth-Rodgers staff has the knowledge and experience to conduct the appropriate level of detailed traffic engineering study, and to author a technical traffic engineering report with specific recommendations for each traffic control device studied. Reports will be signed by a New Jersey registered professional engineer and will cover all of the technical details as described in the new legislation. The local jurisdiction will only have to be responsible to adopt the appropriate ordinance or resolution to legalize the device.**

We look forward to serving you. An Orth-Rodgers & Associates traffic engineering manager would like to have the opportunity to meet with you or your representative to discuss in detail how we may be of assistance. Please call us at 609-530-0888 to schedule an appointment for a free consultation.

Very truly yours,



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Principal



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Director of Traffic Engineering Services

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