

Resolution Number 2015-17
Hamiltonban Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP SIGN
MAINTENANCE POLICY**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Hamiltonban Township have adopted the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) Hamiltonban Township Code by reference; and

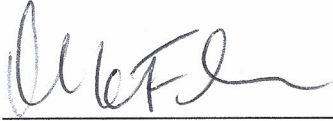
WHEREAS, The MUTCD, published by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, sets forth basic principals of traffic signs in order to promote safety on public roads. The MUTCD establishes uniform standards of traffic signs; and

WHEREAS, Revision 2 of the 2009 Edition of the MUTCD requires Hamiltonban Township to implement a policy and management program to maintain regulatory and warning sign retro-reflectivity at or above the established minimum levels;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the following Sign Maintenance Policy is hereby adopted.

THIS RESOLUTION IS DULY ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of Hamiltonban Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania, at its regularly scheduled meeting, held on the 4th day of August 2015, which was duly convened in accordance with the law.

ATTESTED BY:

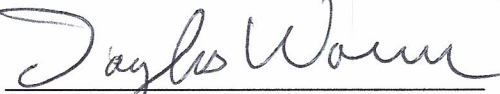


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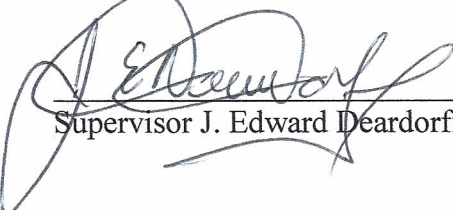
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SIGN MAINTENANCE POLICY

As part of its maintenance efforts, Hamiltonban Township (the "Township"), Adams County, Pennsylvania recognizes that regulatory, warning, and guide signs as set forth in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) need to be properly inventoried, assessed for compliance with applicable retro-reflectivity standards, maintained, and replaced from time to time. The Township further recognizes that when signs are installed within the Township road rights-of-way they must comply with State and Federal regulations as primarily outlined in the MUTCD. As part of its effort to comply with applicable regulations, the Township has established a Sign Maintenance Policy that will provide the Township with consistent policies and procedures by which to maintain traffic signs in compliance with Federal standards set forth in the most recent edition of the MUTCD. Conformance with the MUTCD does not require or guarantee that every individual sign in the Township will meet or exceed the minimum retro-reflective levels at every point of time. While this plan is intended to incorporate all necessary criteria, ongoing review and edits will provide scrutiny needed to make sure all updates and corrections occur annually. The goal of this policy is to improve the public safety on Township roads and prioritize the Township's limited resources to replace signs.

Section 1: Sign Inventory

To meet the Township's goal of maintaining sign retro-reflectivity, the Township will maintain a sign inventory of all new or replacement signs installed after the effective date of this policy. The inventory shall indicate the type of sign, the location of the sign, the date of installation or replacement, the type of sheeting material used on the sign face, the expected life of the sign, and any maintenance performed on the sign.

The Township will perform an inventory on all existing signs covered by this policy. The Township recognizes this process will occur over time subject to the Township's monetary and human resources. The Township shall record the above information related to new signs to the extent that such information is known and shall also include a statement on the general condition of the sign.

Section 2: Removal of Signs

In recognition of the fact that excess road signs have been shown to reduce the effectiveness of signage as well as impose an unnecessary financial burden on road authorities, it is the Township's policy to remove signs determined to be unnecessary for safety purposes and which are not required to comply with an applicable State or Federal statute or regulation. The removal of signs shall be based on the MUTCD.

Section 3: Sign Evaluation Method

Hamiltonban Township adopts the following method to meet the minimum sign retro-reflectivity requirements of the MUTCD.

Blanket Replacement. All signs in the Township in a defined zone are replaced at the same time at specified intervals. This eliminates the need to assess retro-reflectivity or track the life of individual signs. The replacement interval is based on the expected sign life for the shortest-life material used based on warranty information and data supplied by other public works users does indicate that beaded high intensity sheeting signs will average a 10 to 12 year life span. Every year there will be a blanket replacement for a specified zone. Zones will be replaced on a ten (10) year cycle. The ten (10) zones are as follows:

1. Old Waynesboro Road (from Fountaindale to County line and "shortcut 16")
2. Zoo Road, Beechwood Drive and Franklin Street
3. Bullfrog Road; Cold Springs Road from Route 116 to Carrolls Tract Road; and Knox Road
4. Carrolls Tract Road in Orrtanna Village; and Hickory Bridge Road
5. Cold Springs Road from Carrolls Tract Road to County Line
6. Mount Carmel Road; and Moritz Road
7. Newman Road; and Baker Road
8. Mount Hope Road
9. Gum Springs Road
10. BB Section

Damaged, stolen, or missing signs may be replaced as needed.

Section 4: General Practices

These practices are established based on criteria that enhance general roadway safety, proper application of MUTCD rules and guidelines, and the practical capabilities of Hamiltonban Township personnel to perform these duties within their resources. In performing sign maintenance, all workers will observe work-zone safety procedures established in the MUTCD manual and adopted by Hamiltonban Township.

Section 5: Modification and Deviation From Policy

The Township reserves the right to modify this Sign Maintenance Policy at any time if deemed to be in the best interest of the Township. The Board of Supervisors, or upon recommendation of the Roadmaster, may authorize deviation from the implementation of this policy in regard to a particular sign when deemed to be in the best interest of the Township. Such deviation shall be documented including the reason for the deviation and other information supporting the deviation.

Section 6: Policy Adoption

This policy was adopted by the Hamiltonban Township Board of Supervisors by Resolution 2015-17 on August 4, 2015.