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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Council of Princeton
From: James J. Purcell, *Assistant Municipal Engineer*
Subject: Ordinance to Designate Stop Intersections
Date: May 12, 2025

An ordinance to designate stop intersections within the boundaries of the former Township of Princeton is scheduled for introduction at the May 12, 2025 Council meeting. Stop intersections within the boundaries of the former Township of Princeton were designated by resolution of the former Township Committee in the past, as permitted by N.J.S.A. 39:4-140. Since consolidation of the Township and Borough, new stop intersections within the former Borough have been designated by ordinance of the Council. In order to ensure consistency moving forward, it is prudent to ensure that all stop intersections in the municipality are designated by ordinance.

In addition, a study of the intersection of Jefferson Road with Terhune Road recommended that the Jefferson Road approaches be stop conditions, in addition to the Terhune Road approaches. The Engineering Department and the Traffic Safety Committee concur with that recommendation. The number of crashes at this intersection has led the municipality to implement increasing interventions to alert motorists to use caution. Those have included oversized stop signs, double stop signs, stop ahead pavement markings, rumble strips, advance warning signs, retroreflective sheeting on sign posts, and additional sign placards indicating that cross traffic does not stop. These interventions have been implemented in accordance with the guidance from the Federal Highway Authority for a systematic approach to the application of low-cost, proven safety countermeasures. Crashes continue to occur and the introduction of a four-way stop at this intersection is the next step to reducing crashes.

The Traffic Safety Committee, therefore, recommends that this ordinance be adopted and that the new stop condition on Jefferson Road at Terhune Road be included.

Please contact me if you have any comments or questions.