

ORDINANCE #2025-13

An Ordinance by the Municipality of Princeton Designating No Turn on Red Intersections and Amending Chapter 19 of the “Code of the Borough of Princeton, New Jersey, 1974”.

WHEREAS, Princeton has adopted a Vision Zero Policy that seeks to eliminate crashes that result in serious injury or fatalities; and

WHEREAS, in order to achieve that goal, reducing conflicts between motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians is a proven safety measure; and

WHEREAS, buffered bicycle lanes will be installed on North Harrison Street between Clearview Avenue and Terhune Road under a pilot project approved by Council; and

WHEREAS, prohibiting right turns on red signals will remove the conflict between bicyclists in the bike lanes and motorists attempting to cross over the bike lanes at the Valley Road, Princeton Shopping Center, and Terhune Road intersections with North Harrison Street; and

WHEREAS, prohibiting right turns on red signals will remove the conflict between pedestrians, particularly school children, at the North Harrison Street intersections with Hamilton Avenue and Franklin Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the prohibition of right turns on red signals has been implemented by signage at various intersections throughout Princeton, and at this time Council seeks to implement same more uniformly by ordinance as well.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of Princeton as follows:

Section 1. No Turn on Red intersections amended. Subsection B19-13.2 of the Code of the Borough of Princeton, New Jersey (1974), which prohibits right turns upon a stop or caution

signal at certain intersections, is hereby amended as follows (new text is underlined thus; deleted text is in brackets [thus]):

(a) No turn on red.

(1) At certain intersections prohibited. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 39:4-115, right turns upon a "stop" or "caution" signal in the following street intersections within the jurisdiction of [the borough] Princeton, where traffic is controlled by traffic control signals, are hereby prohibited as indicated:

Alexander Street and Faculty Road. For traffic northbound on Alexander Street turning right (east) onto Faculty Road.

Harrison Street and Hamilton Avenue. For traffic eastbound on Hamilton Avenue and turning right (south) onto Harrison Street.

Harrison Street and Nassau Street. For traffic northbound on Harrison Street turning right (east) onto Nassau Street.

Harrison Street and Nassau Street. For traffic southbound on Harrison Street turning right (west) onto Nassau Street.

Harrison Street and Hamilton Avenue. For traffic westbound on Hamilton Avenue and turning right (north) onto Harrison Street.

Harrison Street and Hamilton Avenue. For traffic southbound on Harrison Street turning right (west) onto Hamilton Avenue.

Harrison Street and Hamilton Avenue. For traffic northbound on Harrison Street turning right (east) onto Hamilton Avenue.

Harrison Street and Franklin Avenue. For traffic eastbound on Hamilton Avenue and turning right (south) onto Harrison Street.

Harrison Street and Franklin Avenue. For traffic westbound on Hamilton Avenue and turning right (north) onto Harrison Street.

Harrison Street and Franklin Avenue. For traffic southbound on Harrison Street turning right (west) onto Franklin Avenue.

Harrison Street and Franklin Avenue. For traffic northbound on Harrison Street turning right (east) onto Franklin Avenue.

Hodge Road and Bayard Lane. For traffic eastbound on Hodge Road and turning right (south) onto Bayard Lane.

North Harrison Street and Valley Road. For traffic northbound on North Harrison Street and turning right (east) into the Princeton Shopping Center.

North Harrison Street and Valley Road. For traffic southbound on North Harrison Street and turning right (west) onto Valley Road.

North Harrison Street and Valley Road. For traffic westbound from the Princeton Shopping Center and turning right (north) onto North Harrison Street.

North Harrison Street and Valley Road. For traffic eastbound on Valley Road and turning right (south) onto North Harrison Street.

North Harrison Street and Terhune Road. For traffic northbound on North Harrison Street and turning right (east) onto Terhune Road.

North Harrison Street and Terhune Road. For traffic eastbound on Terhune Road and turning right (south) onto North Harrison Street.

Paul Robeson Place and Bayard Lane. For traffic westbound on Paul Robeson Place and turning right (north) onto Bayard Lane between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm.

Washington Road and Prospect Avenue. For traffic westbound on Prospect Avenue turning right (north) onto Washington Road.

Witherspoon Street and Paul Robeson Place. For traffic southbound on Witherspoon Street turning right (west) onto Paul Robeson Place.

Witherspoon Street and Paul Robeson Place. For traffic eastbound on Paul Robeson Place turning right (south) onto Witherspoon Street.

Witherspoon Street and Wiggins Street. For traffic northbound on Witherspoon Street turning right (east) onto Wiggins Street.

Witherspoon Street and Wiggins Street. For traffic westbound on Wiggins Street turning right (north) onto Witherspoon Street.

(2) Signs required.

a. Official signs pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-198 shall be placed at the aforesaid intersections prohibiting said turns.

Section 2. The appropriate signs shall be posted in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices to implement the requirements of this ordinance.

Section 3. All ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption and publication in accordance with law, and if necessary, also upon approval of the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

Dawn M. Mount, Clerk

Hon. Mark Freda, Mayor

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of the ordinance is to establish additional “no turn on red” intersections in Princeton in furtherance of Princeton’s adopted Vision Zero Policy.