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## Sign Permit

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Fri, Jul 15, 2022 at 3:10 PM

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Cc: Kim Hiller <khiller@livingstonroads.org>, "supervisor@cohoctahtownship.org" <supervisor@cohoctahtownship.org>

Hi Barb,

Thank you for your email. I was going to reach out by email to Mark today and apologize for our phone conversation going south the other day and to let him know that we've discussed this issue internally and we believe there is an easy way going forward. A permit is not required. All we really need is to know the locations where you want to place the radar units. A simple email of the locations is fine. We'll then review and email back with our approval or any suggested changes. If it's just the three locations you mentioned, we should be able to get this done on a one-time basis with email. If you decide to add additional locations in the future, then we would just need to know the new locations. Also, we should be agreeable to you placing the radar units on our existing signposts, under existing speed limit signs.

However, we do feel that we need to inform you about certain changes to speed limit laws that have made some speed limits within your Township invalid. Under current law, on all county roads that are through roads, the Michigan State Police (MSP) has advised us that the speed limit is 55 mph unless a traffic control order (TCO) jointly signed by the MSP and the Road Commission is in place. There has only been one TCO ever written in Cohoctah Township, and that was done in 1966 for the 25-mph speed limit on Cohoctah Road from the Cohoctah/Oak Grove/Stelzer intersection to a point 0.6 miles west. Therefore, the 25-mph speed limits on Antcliff Road and on Faussett Road are currently invalid per the MSP. The Sheriff Department knows this and has advised us they will not enforce those speed limits. We have not removed the speed limits signs as we believe they met the prima facie definition for residential areas as defined by law at the time they were installed, nor has MSP asked or ordered us to remove the speed limit signs. But there always is the possibility down the road they might. The downside of asking for a TCO for those roads is that a new speed study would need to be completed, and the speed limit by law would have to be set by the prevailing speeds (or 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed) on the roadway. It would also require removing the speed limit signs prior to any study and until a new speed limit is determined. I can discuss this issue with you at greater length if you wish.

I'm copying Mark on this email. I would be happy to work with either of you going forward.

Regards,

Mike Goryl

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I've never permitted a speed radar sign. What would you like to see on it?

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