

**Interlocal Agreement with Madison Heights for
Joint Exercise of Police Jurisdiction**

May 5, 2023

The Honorable Mayor Fournier and
Members of the Commission

Attached for your consideration is a proposed Interlocal Agreement between the City of Royal Oak and the City of Madison Heights. The construction on I-75 has caused a large amount of traffic to utilize the northbound I-75 service drive, or Stephenson Highway, to avoid the traffic congestion on I-75. Many vehicles then turn right from northbound I-75 service drive/Stephenson Highway, onto Madison Heights residential streets, ignoring the posted traffic control signs prohibiting such traffic. The increase in traffic has resulted in a large number of complaints by residents.

The geographic boundary between Royal Oak and Madison Heights, on the northbound I-75 service drive/Stephenson Highway, between Lincoln Drive and Gardenia Avenue, is, for the most part, just to the east of the northbound I-75 service drive/Stephenson Highway, which means that the Royal Oak Police Department has jurisdiction to enforce the traffic laws thereon. The Madison Heights Police Department has requested concurrent police jurisdiction on the portions of the northbound I-75 service drive/Stephenson Highway, from Lincoln to Gardenia, under Royal Oak's jurisdiction, to enforce the traffic laws in an attempt to curb the number of unlawful turns onto Madison Heights residential streets.

The proposed Interlocal Agreement grants concurrent jurisdiction to Royal Oak and Madison Heights to enforce the traffic laws, limited to northbound I-75 service drive/Stephenson Highway, between Lincoln and Gardenia. Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, the Madison Heights Police Department could issue tickets for traffic violations as local Madison Heights violations. As such, there would be no financial cost to either City and tickets issued by either City would be handled in their respective Courts.

The Interlocal Agreement is authorized by state law and the Chief of Police and the City Attorney's Office recommend approval of the attached Interlocal Agreement.

If the City Commission agrees, the following resolution is recommended for approval:

Be it resolved, the City Commission hereby approves the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Royal Oak and the City of Madison Heights for the joint exercise of police authority and powers in designated geographical boundaries in the City of Royal Oak; and

Be it further resolved, the Mayor and City clerk are authorized to execute the Interlocal Agreement on behalf of the city.

Respectfully submitted,
Niccolas J. Grochowski
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Approved,

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City Manager

1 Attachment