

Ordinance Helps Improve Visibility at Corners

VILLAS- Lower Township Council is expected to approve an ordinance Aug. 19 strengthening the requirements to provide unobstructed views for drivers at corners, in particular, school bus drivers

Lower Township Planning Board recommended a township ordinance be changed to increase the height for unobstructed vision at street corners from eight feet to 12 feet.

The ordinance states: “No person shall cause, permit or allow any fence, sign, bush, hedge, weeds, brush or tree foliage to obstruct vision over 42 inches or under 12 feet in height as measured from the shoulder of the roadway in a triangular area extending 30 feet from a road, street or highway intersection parallel to the shoulder of each intersecting street, road or highway.”

The Lower Township Police Department concurred with the request for a change in the ordinance.

The suggested change in the ordinance was brought to the attention of the township by Lower Township Elementary Schools Superintendent George Drozdowski for safety reasons. School bus drivers sit higher in the driver’s seat than those in other vehicles which requires a higher field of vision.