

**VILLAGE OF TARRYTOWN  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tarrytown will hold a public hearing on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016, at 8 PM, in the Municipal Building, One Depot Plaza, Tarrytown, New York 10591, to hear, discuss and to act upon an amendment to Chapter 291 entitled "Vehicles and Traffic". A summary of the legislation is available at Village Hall. The complete text of this legislation follows:

**A LOCAL LAW** to amend the Code of the Village of Tarrytown, Chapter 291 entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", Section 67, Schedule II: Speed Limits.

**SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

Residents of the Miller Park neighborhood have spoken to the Board of Trustees at the Board of Trustees meeting, and also in letters and emails, to express concern regarding speeding and commuters driving through their neighborhood to travel to and from the railroad station, creating a dangerous condition in the neighborhood. The residents have suggested a number of actions to the Board of Trustees to address their concerns, including reducing the speed limit in the neighborhood from the current 30 mph. The concerns noted by the residents prompted the Village to obtain information to evaluate the speed and the frequency of commuters utilizing the local roadways in the neighborhood.

The Uniform Traffic Ticket Report for the period from January 1, 2013 through January 6, 2016 evidences the fact that 350 traffic tickets were issued in the Miller Park neighborhood. According to the Chief of Police, this is a significant number of traffic tickets issued for a neighborhood without a major thoroughfare. Of the 350 traffic tickets issued in this period, 259 or 74% were for failure to stop at a stop sign.

The Village utilized a new piece of equipment that registers not only the number of vehicles that travel on a particular street and specific times, but also the speed limit of the vehicles. The most surprising information collected from the machine was the number of vehicles traveling the neighborhood streets, especially during both the morning and evening rush hours. On Independence Street, the average daily vehicles on the road on weekdays during the period from January 18, 2016 through January 24, 2016, which are the days when commuters are using the neighborhood streets to travel to and from the train station, was 1,971 versus 299 on the weekends, an increase in vehicle volume of 659 percent. A similar traffic survey on Park Avenue, completed for the seven day period from January 28, 2016 to February 4, 2016, revealed an average weekday vehicle utilization of 1,569 compared to 688 on the weekends, an increase of 229% due to commuter traveling the local roads to access the railroad station. An analysis of the vehicles traveling the local streets during the weekdays evidences an increase in the number of vehicles during the rush hour period, especially the morning rush hour.

The information obtained to evaluate the concerns of the neighborhood residents evidences traffic issues relating to both volume and vehicles not stopping for stop signs. Both traffic issues create a potentially dangerous condition for residents in the neighborhood, different from that encountered in other areas of the Village, especially for those residents with children. It is the belief of the Board of Trustees that the information provides a rationale for legislating a lesser speed limit than the current 30 mph in the Miller Park neighborhood.

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## SECTION 2. AMENDMENT TO Section 67. "Schedule II. Speed Limits"

§ 291-67. Schedule II. Speed Limits.

Name of Street	Speed Limit (mph)	Location
<b>Bridge Street</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Entire Length</b>
<b>Church Street</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Entire Length</b>
<b>Glen Street</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Entire Length</b>
<b>Independence Street</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Entire Length</b>
<b>MacArthur Lane</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Entire Length</b>
<b>Miller Avenue</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Entire Length</b>
<b>Park Avenue</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Entire Length</b>
<b>Riverview Avenue</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Entire Length</b>

## SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This local law shall take effect immediately, as provided by law.

All interested parties are invited to attend and be heard. Access to the meeting room is available to the elderly and the handicapped. Signing is available for the hearing-impaired; a request must be made to the Village Clerk at least five days in advance of the meeting.

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF TARRYTOWN**

DATED: February 16, 2016

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