

ORDINANCE NO. 14795

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 21 – 2010

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INTRODUCED BY

APRIL 17, 2010

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AN ORDINANCE

Amending article 507 (Traffic Control Maps) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Allentown.

The request is from the Administration. The Mayor is authorized to establish traffic regulations for a temporary period not to exceed 90 days. This legislation, in effect, would make the changes permanent. In terms of procedures, the temporary regulations are filed in the Clerks Office until we collect a number of them, then we send them to Council for an ordinance, usually at the direction of the Traffic Control Superintendent.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That pursuant to Section 507.02, changes in Maps by Ordinance: Exception, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Allentown, authorizing amendments to the Traffic Control Maps of the City, the following traffic regulation is hereby made permanent.

TWO WAY

North 10<sup>th</sup> Street from Hamilton Street to Court Street

SECTION TWO: That this Ordinance will take effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION THREE: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

	Yea	Nay
W. Michael Donovan	X	
Jeanette Eichenwald	X	
Julio A. Guridy	X	
Ray O'Connell	X	
Michael Schlossberg	X	
Peter G. Schweyer	X	
Michael D'Amore, President	X	
TOTAL	7	0

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by City Council on May 19th and signed by the Mayor on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

*Michael P. Hark*

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CITY CLERK

## LEGISLATIVE TEMPLATE

- **What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?**

This Bill originated from the Bureau of Traffic Planning & Control

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

This Bill amends the City's Traffic Control Map by changing North 10<sup>th</sup> Street between Hamilton and Court Streets to two way traffic.

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**

- **What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish**
- **What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this**
- **How does this Bill related to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities**

The Bill converts 10<sup>th</sup> Street between Hamilton and Court Streets to a two way traffic pattern.

This change has been requested by the Allentown Police Department as a result of the purchase of the former Allentown Parking Authority property at the northwest corner of 10<sup>th</sup> & Hamilton Street. In order for the police to provide the quickest response to the south and east of this location, 10<sup>th</sup> Street needs to be two way.

The Bill relates to the City Mission of providing the best police protection.

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**

- **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
- **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

The signal at 10<sup>th</sup> & Hamilton Street was previously funded and is scheduled for complete upgrading for 2010. The increased cost to add signals for another direction will add about \$12,000 to the project.

- **Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:**

- **If transferring funds, please make sure bill gives specific accounts; if appropriating funds from a grant list the agency awarding the grant.**

The intersection upgrade was funded with previous capital funding.

- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

This project has moved to the top of our priority list. The signal permit has been designed and submitted for PennDOT approval. The Police Department has requested the signal upgrade be completed by August or September 2010.

- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**

This traffic pattern change will enhance public safety by enabling quicker police response times to the south and east on Hamilton Street from the new patrol station and eliminating emergency responses against traffic.