

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION

POLICE COMMITTEE

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2025
7:00 PM (Approximately)**

Chairperson: Shawn Kraemer

Vice Chairperson: V. Scott Zelov, Anthony Stevenson, Joshua Grimes

AGENDA

1. **AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE ORDINANCE - CHAPTER 145, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC - PARKING METER RATE REVISIONS**
2. **AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE ORDINANCE - CHAPTER 145, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC - LANCASTER AVENUE SPEED LIMIT AND NO TURN ON RED RESTRICTIONS**
3. **POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY STATISTICS UPDATE**



Township of Lower Merion
A FIRST CLASS TOWNSHIP

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

COMMITTEE: Police

ITEM: AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE ORDINANCE - CHAPTER 145, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC - PARKING METER RATE REVISIONS

Consider for recommendation to the Board of Commissioners authorizing the Township Secretary to advertise notice of intent to adopt an Ordinance to amend the Code of the Township of Lower Merion, Chapter 145 thereof, entitled Vehicles And Traffic, Article XV, Schedules, §145-122, On-Highway Parking Meter Zones; Rates, to increase parking meter rates generally; and §145-123, Schedule XXIII: Off-Highway Parking Meter Zones; Rates, to increase parking meter rates in municipal lots generally and to establish a kiosk rate for the Cricket Garage.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ATTACHMENT(S):

[Issue Briefing Meter Rate Increases All Meters 10-31-2025.docx](#)

[Draft Ordinance - Meter Rates - Ardmore 11-05-2025.docx](#)

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION

Police Committee

Issue Briefing

Topic: Increase Township Parking Meter Rates in Ardmore, Bryn Mawr, Merion, and Bala Cynwyd

Prepared By: Gerald G. Adams, Director of Parking Services
Brandon Ford, Assistant Township Manager

Date: October 31, 2025

- I. Actions To Be Considered by The Board:** Authorize the Township Secretary to advertise notice of intent to adopt an ordinance to amend the Code of the Township of Lower Merion, Chapter 145, Vehicles and Traffic, to increase parking meter rates in Ardmore, Bryn Mawr, Merion, and Bala Cynwyd.
- II. Why This Issue Requires Board Consideration:** Ordinances require the approval of the Board of Commissioners.
- III. Current Policy or Practice (If Applicable):** The Township is empowered to enforce the parking meter rates outlined in Chapter 145-122(B) and Chapter 145-123(B) of the Township Code. These sections currently set a rate of \$0.05 per six minutes, which equates to \$0.50 per one hour. The last time this rate was adjusted occurred in December, 1999. It has been twenty-five (25) years since the parking meter rates have been changed. Analyzing cost-recovery for the provision of Township services and making recommendations on fee adjustments is in line with current practice and policy.
- IV. Other Relevant Background Information:** Lower Merion Township operates a comprehensive system of parking meters designed to balance convenience for drivers with the need for efficient turnover of spaces in busy commercial districts. Managed by the Township's Parking Services Department, the system includes on-street meters, municipal lot meters, and meters in the parking garage on Cricket Avenue. Township parking meters are organized into two main categories: short-term and long-term parking. Short-term meters, typically found along commercial streets and corridors, are generally limited to two hours to encourage turnover and support nearby businesses. Long-term meters, located primarily in Township lots, allow up to twelve hours of parking to accommodate commuters, employees, and longer visits.

The Township's parking meter system has operated successfully for many years, but meter rates have not kept pace with changing economic and operational conditions. As noted earlier, the last time parking meter rates were adjusted occurred in December 1999. Parking meter revenue is intended to support the maintenance of equipment, enforcement operations, and reinvestment in modern technologies such as digital

meters and mobile payment systems. These systems enhance convenience, improve efficiency, and align with public expectations for flexible, user-friendly payment options. However, the cost of maintaining this infrastructure—and the broader administrative and enforcement costs associated with the program—has increased steadily over the years. The proposed increase in parking meter rates is recommended to ensure that the Township’s parking system continues to function efficiently and is self-sustaining well into the future.

Explicitly, the proposed adjustment would increase parking meter rates from \$0.50 to \$1.00 per hour for all parking meters except for specifically designated parking meters found in the Ardmore Business District. Those designated parking meters, including those found on Rittenhouse Place, Cricket Avenue, Cricket Terrace, and Parking Lot 5 (Cricket Terrace) and Lot 6 (Schauffele Plaza) would increase from \$0.50 to \$1.50 per hour. The parking meters in the Cricket Avenue Parking Garage would experience no increase and remain at the current rate of \$0.50 per hour.

The designated parking meters with higher increases are direct recommendations from the recent Ardmore Parking Management Plan, which was developed with feedback from the Ardmore Initiative and Ardmore Business Association. The specific increases noted in the Ardmore Parking Management Plan as well as a general increase throughout the Township will help increase turnover at meters for local businesses and encourage the use of the Cricket Avenue Garage where rates will be lower than all local meters. The proposed overall increase will also assist with the Parking Services Departments rising; land leasing costs, parking meter parts fees, yearly uniform costs, and yearly office and field equipment maintenance and repair plans.

- V. **Impact On Township Finances:** The proposed meter rate increase would generate an estimated \$900,000.00 annually. There is also an opinion among staff that increasing the parking meter rates in the Township’s business districts would promote greater turnover in high-demand customer parking spaces and generate more economic activity for local businesses.
- VI. **Staff Recommendation:** Township staff recommends the authorization to advertise the proposed ordinance increasing parking meter rates in Ardmore, Bala Cynwyd, Merion, and Bryn Mawr.

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION

Rate Adjustment List

Downtown Ardmore Meters

- Rittenhouse Place: East Lancaster Avenue to East Athens Avenue \$1.50 per hour
- Cricket Ave: East Lancaster Avenue to School Ln \$1.50 per hour
- Cricket Terrace: Rittenhouse Place to Cricket Avenue \$1.50 per hour
- Metered TWP Municipal Parking Lots ****5 and 6.** \$1.50 per hour
****5 Cricket Terrace. and 6 Schuffele Plaza.**
- One Ardmore Parking Garage (No change). \$0.50 per hour

Non-Referenced Ardmore Meters

- All Twp. parking meters not designated above, in Ardmore. \$1.00 per hour.

Bala/Merion

- All Twp. parking meters in Bala Cynwyd and Merion Station \$1.00 per hour

Bryn Mawr

- All Twp parking meters in Bryn Mawr. \$1.00 per hour

AN ORDINANCE

NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE To Amend The Code Of The Township Of Lower Merion, Chapter 145 Thereof, Entitled Vehicles And Traffic, Article XV, Schedules, §145-122, On-Highway Parking Meter Zones; Rates, To Increase Parking Meter Rates Generally; And §145-123, Schedule XXIII: Off-Highway Parking Meter Zones; Rates, To Increase Parking Meter Rates In Municipal Lots Generally And To Establish A Kiosk Rate For The Cricket Garage.

The Board of Commissioners of the Township of Lower Merion hereby ordains:

Section 1. The Code of the Township of Lower Merion, Chapter 145, Vehicles and Traffic, Article XV, Schedules, Section 145-122. Schedule XXII: On-Highway Parking Meter Zones; Rates, Sub-section B thereof, shall be amended and a new sub-section C shall be added, to provide as follows:

§ 145-122. Schedule XXII: On-Highway Parking Meter Zones; Rates.

* * * * *

- B. The parking meter rate for the zones established above shall be in increments of \$0.05 per three minutes (\$1.00 per hour), unless otherwise noted in sub-section C below.
- C. The parking meter rate for the zones listed below shall be in increments of \$0.05 per two minutes (\$1.50 per hour):
- Rittenhouse Place: East Lancaster Avenue to East Athens Avenue.
 - Cricket Avenue: East Lancaster Avenue to School Lane.
 - Cricket Terrace: Rittenhouse Place to Cricket Avenue.

Section 2. The Code of the Township of Lower Merion, Chapter 145, Vehicles and Traffic, Article XV, Schedules, Section 145-123. Schedule XXIII: Off-Highway Parking Meter Zones; Rates, Sub-section B thereof, shall be amended and new sub-sections C and D shall be added, to provide as follows:

§ 145-123. Schedule XXIII: Off-Highway Parking Meter Zones; Rates.

* * * * *

- B. The parking meter rate for the zones established above shall be in increments of \$0.05 per three minutes (\$1.00 per hour), unless otherwise noted in sub-section C below.
- C. The parking meter rate for the zones listed below shall be in increments of \$0.05 per two minutes (\$1.50 per hour):
- Metered Township Municipal Parking Lot 5 – Cricket Terrace.
 - Metered Township Municipal Parking Lot 6 – Schauffele Plaza.
- D. The parking kiosk rate for the Cricket Parking Garage shall be in increments of \$0.05 per six minutes (\$0.50 per hour).

Section 3. Nothing in this Ordinance or in Chapter 145 of the Code of the Township of Lower Merion, as hereby amended, shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding in any Court, any rights acquired or liability incurred, any permit issued, or any cause or causes of action existing under the said Chapter 145 prior to the adoption of this amendment.

Section 4. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if any section, sentence, clause, part, or provision thereof shall be held illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision of the court shall not affect or impair the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, parts, or provisions of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Board that this Ordinance would have been adopted as if such illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional section, sentence, clause, part, or provision had not been included herein.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval as required by law.

Approved by the Board this day of , 2025.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION

Todd M. Sinai, President

ATTEST:

Jody L. Kelley, Secretary



Township of Lower Merion
A FIRST CLASS TOWNSHIP

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

COMMITTEE: Police

ITEM: AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE ORDINANCE - CHAPTER 145, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC - LANCASTER AVENUE SPEED LIMIT AND NO TURN ON RED RESTRICTIONS

Consider for recommendation to the Board of Commissioners authorizing the Township Secretary to advertise notice of intent to adopt an ordinance to amend the Code of the Township of Lower Merion, Chapter 145 Thereof, entitled Vehicles And Traffic, Article XV, Schedules, § 145-101. Schedule I: Speed Limits, by rescinding the 40 MPH speed limit on Lancaster Avenue from City Avenue to W. Wynnewood Rd and imposing a 35 MPH speed limit on Lancaster Avenue from City Avenue to W. Wynnewood Road; and §145-103, Schedule III, by prohibiting right turns on red at Lancaster Ave and Remington Road for east traffic; at Lancaster Avenue and Haverford Station Road for west bound traffic; and at Montgomery Avenue and Airdale Road for east/west traffic.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ATTACHMENT(S):

[Issue Briefing Lancaster Avenue Speed Reduction 10-31-2025.docx](#)

[Issue Briefing ARLE No Turn on Red 10-31-2025.docx](#)

[Draft Ordinance - Lanc Ave Speed Limits & ARLE No Turn on Red 11-05-2025.docx](#)

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION

Police Committee

Issue Briefing

Topic: Amend the Code of the Township Of Lower Merion, Chapter 145 Vehicles & Traffic § 145-101, Schedule I: Speed Limits

Prepared By: Andrew J. Block, Superintendent of Police

Date: October 29, 2025

I. Action To Be Considered By The Board:

Authorize the Township Secretary to advertise notice of intent to adopt an ordinance to rescind the 40 MPH speed limit on Lancaster Avenue from City Avenue to W. Wynnewood Road and impose a 35 MPH speed limit on Lancaster Avenue from City Avenue to W. Wynnewood Road.

II. Why This Issue Requires Board Consideration:

The establishment of traffic regulations requires the approval of the Board of Commissioners.

III. Current Policy Or Practice (If Applicable):

The Township requires a traffic study be conducted prior to any changes to existing traffic control devices following the standards established by PennDOT and the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). The request is consistent with past practice.

IV. Other Relevant Background Information:

In Spring 2025, the Township submitted a formal request to PennDOT for a speed limit evaluation along Lancaster Avenue, specifically between Wynnewood Road and City Avenue. This request was part of a broader set of proposed improvements, which include the installation of turning lanes and red-light cameras at the intersection of Lancaster Avenue and Remington Road. In response, PennDOT conducted a speed limit study and shared the following findings:

The study supports a reduction in the posted speed limit from 40 MPH to 35 MPH, aligning it with the existing 35 MPH zones west of Wynnewood Road (SR 3044) and along City Avenue. Contributing factors to this recommendation include the narrow lane widths—less than 10 feet—along the corridor, and safety concerns for pedestrians crossing four lanes at various points along

this stretch of Lancaster Avenue. A revised speed limit permit reflecting the change is expected to be issued. During the study, 19,636 vehicles were observed over a 24-hour period, with 57% traveling at 40 MPH or lower.

Based on these findings, the Traffic Safety Unit recommends that the Board adopt an ordinance to reduce the speed limit on Lancaster Avenue from 40 MPH to 35 MPH.

V. Impact On Township Finances:

The cost for installation and purchase of the signs are minimal.

VI. Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends authorizing advertisement of the ordinance.

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION

Police Committee

Issue Briefing

Topic: Amend the Code of the Township Of Lower Merion, Chapter Chapter 145 Vehicles & Traffic §145-103, Schedule III: Prohibited Turns on Red Signals

Prepared By: Andrew J. Block, Superintendent of Police

Date: October 31, 2025

I. Action To Be Considered By The Board:

Authorize the Township Secretary to advertise notice of intent to adopt an ordinance to prohibit right turns on red on Lancaster Avenue at Remington Road for east traffic; on Lancaster Avenue at Haverford Station Road for west bound traffic; and on Montgomery Avenue at Airdale Road for east/west traffic.

II. Why This Issue Requires Board Consideration:

The establishment of traffic regulations requires the approval of the Board of Commissioners.

III. Current Policy Or Practice (If Applicable):

This Township was directed by PennDOT to institute this change which follows the standards established by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). The request is consistent with past practice.

IV. Other Relevant Background Information:

On July 16, 2025, the Board of Commissioners adopted Ordinance #4314, authorizing the use of Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) cameras within the Township. Following the adoption of this ordinance, a request was submitted to PennDOT seeking approval to install ARLE cameras at the following intersections:

- Lancaster Avenue & Remington Road, Wynnewood
- Lancaster Avenue & Haverford Station Road
- Montgomery Avenue & Airdale Road

On October 9, 2025, a response letter was received from PennDOT confirming that these intersections were approved for ARLE installation. However, the letter also indicated that a No Turn On Red restriction must be implemented for eastbound and westbound traffic at each of these locations.

Based on these findings, the Traffic Safety Unit recommends that the Board adopt an ordinance establishing No Turn On Red restrictions at the specified intersections.

V. Impact On Township Finances:

The cost for installation and purchase of the signs are minimal.

VI. Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends authorizing advertisement of the ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE

NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE To Amend The Code Of The Township Of Lower Merion, Chapter 145 Thereof, Entitled Vehicles And Traffic, Article XV, Schedules, § 145-101. Schedule I: Speed Limits, By Rescinding The 40 MPH Speed Limit On Lancaster Avenue From City Avenue To W. Wynnewood Rd And Imposing A 35 MPH Speed Limit On Lancaster Avenue From City Avenue To W. Wynnewood Road; And § 145-103, Schedule III, By Prohibiting Right Turns On Red At Lancaster Ave And Remington Road For East Traffic; At Lancaster Avenue And Haverford Station Road For West Bound Traffic; And At Montgomery Avenue And Airdale Road For East/West Traffic.

The Board of Commissioners of the Township of Lower Merion hereby ordains:

Section 1. The Code of the Township of Lower Merion, Chapter 145, entitled Vehicles and Traffic, Section 145-101, Schedule I: Speed Limits,, is hereby amended by rescinding the following regulations:

§ 145-101. Schedule I: Speed Limits

Name of Street	Speed Limit (MPH)	Location
Lancaster Avenue	40	from City Avenue to W. Wynnewood Road

Section 2. The Code of the Township of Lower Merion, Chapter 145, entitled Vehicles and Traffic, Section 145-101, Schedule I: Speed Limits,, is hereby amended by the addition thereto in alphabetical order of the following regulation:

§ 145-101. Schedule I: Speed Limits

Name of Street	Speed Limit (MPH)	Location
Lancaster Avenue	35	from City Avenue to W. Wynnewood Road

Section 3. The Code of the Township of Lower Merion, Chapter 145, entitled Vehicles and Traffic, Section 145-103, Schedule III: Prohibited Turns on Red Signals, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following regulations:

§ 145-103. Schedule III: Prohibited Turns on Red Signals.

Direction	Prohibited Right Turn
------------------	------------------------------

Name of Highway	of Travel	on Red Signal Onto
Lancaster Avenue	East	Remington Road
Lancaster Avenue	West	Haverford Station Road
Montgomery Avenue	East/West	Airdale Road

Section 4 Nothing in this Ordinance or in Chapter 145 of the Code of the Township of Lower Merion, as hereby amended, shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding in any Court, any rights acquired or liability incurred, any permit issued, or any cause or causes of action existing under the said Chapter 145 prior to the adoption of this amendment.

Section 5 The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if any section, sentence, clause, part, or provision thereof shall be held illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision of the court shall not affect or impair the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, parts, or provisions of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Board that this Ordinance would have been adopted as if such illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional section, sentence, clause, part, or provision had not been included herein.

Section 6 This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval as required by law.

Approved by the Board this day of , 2025.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION

Todd M. Sinai, President

ATTEST:

Jody L. Kelley, Secretary



Township of Lower Merion
A FIRST CLASS TOWNSHIP

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

COMMITTEE: Police

ITEM: **POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY STATISTICS UPDATE**

The Superintendent of Police will review statistics related to Police Department activity, such as traffic stops, community policing efforts and crime.

PUBLIC COMMENT