

# ULSTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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County Executive



**THOMAS H. JACKSON, JR.**  
Commissioner

March 20, 2018

Supervisor Bettez  
52 Clearwater Road  
PO Box 550  
New Paltz, NY 12561

Re: School Area Speed Reduction – South Putt Corners Road

Supervisor Bettez,

As part of County Executive Hein's ongoing commitment to traffic safety throughout Ulster County, the Ulster County Department of Public Works (UCDPW) is requesting support for the study and establishment of a regulated School Zone and associated lower speed limit near the New Paltz High School. Currently the posted speed limit for South Putt Corners Road in this area is 45 MPH.

It is anticipated that the establishment of a regulated school zone will allow for the speed limit to be reduced 10 MPH below the current posted speed limit. It is believed that the reduction of the speed limit will help ensure the safety of students and the travelling public in general. UCDPW intends to install solar powered driver feedback signs that will alert drivers to their speeds using active radar technology. These signs will be installed and maintained by Ulster County at no cost to the Town.

I ask that you provide my office a return letter in support of the lowering of the posted speed limit, along with an adopted Town resolution requesting the NYSDOT to conduct a speed study for the school zone as well as a completed TE-9a form. Enclosed are samples of the requested materials for your use.

Additionally, enclosed is a copy of a letter I have sent to Superintendent Maria C. Rice requesting a letter in support of these efforts to be sent to your attention to be included with the materials that my office will process and provide to NYSDOT.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please contact me.

Thank You,

Thomas H. Jackson, Jr.  
Commissioner

Cc: Superintendent Maria C. Rice, New Paltz School District

Regional Traffic Engineer  
Region No. 8  
Department of Transportation

The Town Board of the Town of New Paltz, by a resolution adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 2018, and the County Commissioner of the Ulster County Department of Public Works, hereby request the Department of Transportation, pursuant to Section 1622.1 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, to establish a lower maximum speed, as school zone, at which vehicles may proceed, on South Putt Corners Road, a County Road in the vicinity of the New Paltz High School.

Upon receipt of the notice that the regulation herein requested has been established, the County of Ulster, will provide, install and maintain signs in accordance with the Vehicle and Traffic Law and conforming to the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices of the Department of Transportation.

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Dated

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Town Clerk

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Dated

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County Commissioner

**DRAFT – SAMPLE RESOLUTION WORDING FOR SCHOOL ZONE SPEED REDUCTION - DRAFT**

**RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_ - TOWN BOARD TO REQUEST THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT A SPEED STUDY IN THE VICINITY OF THE NEW PALTZ HIGH SCHOOL TO ESTABLISH A LOWER MAXIMUM SCHOOL ZONE SPEED LIMIT**

WHEREAS, the public health, safety, and welfare would be served by the establishment of a School Zone with a Lower Maximum Speed Limit in the vicinity of the New Paltz High School, along South Putt Corners Road, Town of New Paltz, Ulster County, New York; and,

WHEREAS, Ulster County, in the interest of the public health, safety, and welfare, has expressed interest to install and maintain upgraded School Zone Speed Limit Signage; and,

WHEREAS, the Town requests the establishment of a Lower Maximum School Zone Speed Limit of 35 miles per hour, in the vicinity of the New Paltz High School, along South Putt Corners Road, Town of New Paltz, Ulster County, New York; and,

WHEREAS, the New Paltz School District is in support of efforts to improve roadway safety near the New Paltz High School and specifically supports a request for the establishment of a reduced speed school zone; and therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of New Paltz, pursuant to Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 1622 hereby requests the New York State Department of Transportation and the Ulster County Commissioner of Highways to install a reduced maximum speed limit, as a school zone, in the vicinity of the New Paltz High School, along South Putt Corners Road, Town of New Paltz, Ulster County, New York; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby directs the Town Supervisor to take whatever steps that are reasonably necessary to carry out this resolution, and directs the Town Clerk to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Ulster County Commissioner of Public Works.

Upon a roll call vote, the vote is as follows:

Regional Traffic Engineer  
Region No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Department of Transportation

The Town Board of the Town of \_\_\_\_\_, by a resolution adopted \_\_\_\_\_ (*Date*), and the County Superintendent of Highways of the County of \_\_\_\_\_, hereby request the Department of Transportation, pursuant to Section 1622.1 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, to establish a lower maximum speed at which vehicles may proceed on \_\_\_\_\_, a **County Road / Town Highway** (*Circle One*) between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Upon receipt of the notice that the regulation herein requested has been established, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, will provide, install and maintain signs in accordance with the Vehicle and Traffic Law and conforming to the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices of the Department of Transportation.

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Dated

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Town Clerk

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Dated

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County Superintendent

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Comments by County Superintendent: