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Sent: Monday, September 19, 2022 5:08 PM
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Subject: RE: Question Re: NYCOM Reduced Speed Limit Legislation - A. 1007-A/S. 2021-A

Taryn,

The New York Supplement to the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices has always required that all speed limits be enacted pursuant to traffic engineering standards. It provides as follows:

Standard:

- 00A **After an engineering study has been made in accordance with established traffic engineering practices, a Speed Limit sign shall display the limit established by law, ordinance, regulation, or as adopted by the authorized agency. The speed limits shown shall be in multiples of 5 MPH.**

Support:

- 00B Speed limit signs inform motorists of speed restrictions established by law or regulation. There are three types of speed limits:
- A. Linear Speed Limit – A linear speed limit is one which applies along a particular highway, or along a portion of a particular highway.
 - B. Area Speed Limit – An area speed limit is one which applies to all highways within a specified area, except those specifically excluded. The area may be an entire municipality, or only a portion thereof. The defined area may also be the grounds of a school, hospital, or other institution.
 - C. Statewide Speed Limit – The statewide speed limit is established by the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law, and is applicable on all highways where other speed limits have not been established.

A copy of the New York Supplement is attached. The certification requirement is new, but is really just a technical formality and applies to all speed limits established pursuant to Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 1643. This certification is a condition precedent to enacting any speed limit.

Does that answer your questions? I hope that this is helpful. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, do not hesitate to drop me an email or give me a call.

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Good afternoon Mr. Beltramo,

I hope that all is well with you. Our firm represents the Village of Bronxville located in Westchester County, NY. It is considering reducing the speed limit on village roads to 25 miles per hour following the legislation that was recently signed by Governor Hochul. I was reviewing this legislation on the NYCOM website and was directed to contact you with any questions about the new speed limit law.

I was wondering if you could clarify the procedure for lowering the speed limit to the new statutory limit. Namely, is the Village required to obtain the traffic engineer certification described in the new text at the end of Section 1643 if it is only lowering the speed limit from 30 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour as permitted by statute? Stated differently, can the Village lower the speed limit to 25 miles per hour without first obtaining a traffic engineer certification?

I sincerely appreciate your time and insight into this matter.

Sincerely,
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