

## ORDINANCE NO. 11-2012

### AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEDICATING AND NAMING THE ROUTE 322 BYPASS AS "SENATOR STEPHEN M. SWEENEY WAY"

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**WHEREAS**, on January 11, 2012, the Route 322 Bypass was completed, and the road was opened for travel at approximately 1:00 p.m. after a ribbon-cutting ceremony; and

**WHEREAS**, U.S. Route 322 and State Highway Route 45 provide an important integral transportation corridor for the Township of Harrison, adjoining municipalities, and intra-state and inter-state commerce; and

**WHEREAS**, the residential and commercial growth along the U.S. Route 322 corridor has caused and created traffic congestion, infrastructure degradation and decreased mobility issues which cannot be corrected by typical road widening and/or traffic signalization solutions; and

**WHEREAS**, the problems and concerns of the inadequacy of the Gloucester County portion of U.S. Route 322 were recognized by the DVRPC in the 1960's when the first study was commissioned to determine alternate routes around Harrison Township, specifically at the intersection of U.S. Route 322 and State Highway Route 45; and

**WHEREAS**, while the traffic congestion and infrastructure degradation increased during the preceding 45 years, no state, county or local agency endeavored to provide a solution to alleviate the traffic congestion and mobility issues; and

**WHEREAS**, in or about May 2007, Senator Stephen M. Sweeney and the Gloucester County Board of Chosen Freeholders announced a cooperative agreement with the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation whereby Gloucester County would provide planning, testing, engineering and subsequent construction of a bypass and related infrastructure and intersectional improvements throughout Harrison Township to address and solve the existing and expected future residential and commercial growth and associated traffic volume; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Stephen M. Sweeney, the Gloucester County Board of Chosen Freeholders and their professionals and consultants, have consistently and without objection cooperated with the Harrison Township officials and the Township's professionals in an effort to resolve any issues and concerns that the proposed bypass may affect throughout Harrison Township including, but not limited to, impacts upon wetlands, endangered species, the taking of real property, realignment of certain Township roads, proximity to the cemetery adjoining the Holy Name of Jesus Church on Earlington Avenue, proximity to the cemetery adjoining the Richwood United Methodist Church, Historic District, additional signage, lighting and vehicular and pedestrian safety and accessibility improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the newly constructed U.S. Route 322 Bypass (to be known as "Senator Stephen M. Sweeney Way") has created a window of opportunity for the State, County, surrounding municipalities and, most notably, the citizens of Harrison Township to reduce the traffic congestion and related problems crippling our the Township while simultaneously stimulating an economic, social and cultural environment that will benefit the residents of Harrison Township for many years in the future.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Harrison as follows:

**Section 1.**

The newly constructed Route 322 Bypass between State Highway Route 45 and Clems Run (C.R. 623) shall be dedicated and named as "Senator Stephen M. Sweeney Way".

**Section 2.**

**Repealer.**

All prior Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.

**Section 3.**

**Severability.**

Should any section, clause, sentence, phrase or provision of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

**Section 4.**

**When effective.**

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication in accordance with law.

**TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON**

**BY: \_\_\_\_\_**  
**LOUIS F. MANZO, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**CAROL L. PUSZTAY, Deputy Municipal Clerk**

## **NOTICE**

The Ordinance published herein was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Harrison, in the County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey, held on February 6, 2012. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing hereon, at a meeting of said Mayor and Committee to be held in the Township's Municipal Building, 114 Bridgeton Pike, Mullica Hill, New Jersey 08062, in the Township, on February 21, 2012 at 7:30 P.M. During the week prior and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said Ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's office at the Municipal Building, 114 Bridgeton Pike, in the Township, to the members of the general public who shall request the same.

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CAROL L. PUSZTAY  
Deputy Municipal Clerk