

**Town of Copake**  
**RESOLUTION**  
**NO. 27 of September 8, 2022**

**To request and establish a lower Speed Limit on County Route 7A from the Hamlet of Copake  
to the Hamlet of West Copake**

**WHEREAS**, the speed limit on County Route 7A between the Hamlet of Copake and the Hamlet of West Copake is currently 55 MPH, and

**WHEREAS**, over the past several decades the number of houses in this area has increased, and therefore, there are far more driveways and many more pedestrians than in past years, and

**WHEREAS**, this section of County Route 7A is a popular route for cyclists and there are many cyclists traveling on this section of road, and

**WHEREAS**, on June 20, 2021, there was a serious accident on County Route 7A in the vicinity of Waldorf Ridge Road, involving a Copake woman riding her bicycle and a motor vehicle which struck her from behind. The resulting accident caused the Copake resident to be hospitalized and suffer severe injuries including a concussion, T12 spinal fracture and multiple fractures, and abrasions, and

**WHEREAS**, on July 31, 2022, at approximately 10:50 a.m., there was a fatal accident which took place at the intersection of County Route 7A and Tamarac Road involving an automobile and a motorcycle, a preliminary investigation of which determined that the driver of the vehicle, failed to yield when attempting to make a left to travel westbound on County Route 7A and cut into the path of the motorcycle, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Copake has received many letters and comments from local residents who are concerned about the speed of vehicles travelling on County Route 7A and have urged the Board to petition the Department of Transportation to lower the speed in order to prevent further accidents and in order to protect the safety of motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists;

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

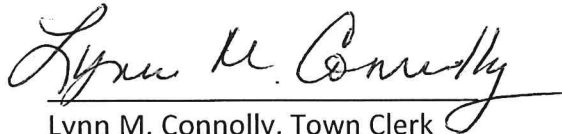
It is hereby **RESOLVED** that we, the members of the Town Board of the Town of Copake do hereby petition the Department of Transportation of the State of New York, pursuant to Section 1622.1 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law to request and establish a lower maximum speed at which vehicles may proceed on County Route 7A in the Town of Copake, to wit; that the current 55 MPH speed zone as it exists on County Route 7A between the Hamlet of Copake and the Hamlet of West Copake be reduced to a lower speed.

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Dated September 8, 2022

Copake, New York

Roll Call Vote.

  
Lynn M. Connolly, Town Clerk  
(seal)

Supervisor Mettler	yes
Councilperson Wolf	yes
Councilperson Gansowski	yes
Councilperson Judd	yes
Councilperson Sullivan	yes