

**TOWNSHIP OF MONROE,  
SNYDER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION 2024 - 5

At a meeting of the Township of Monroe, Snyder County, Pennsylvania, held at the Monroe Township Building, Selinsgrove, Snyder County, Pennsylvania, on ~~May~~ April 24, 2024, there was a quorum of the Board of Supervisors present.

Township Supervisor Steven Parge offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MONROE TOWNSHIP, SNYDER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA CREATING A POLICY FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE FILMING IN PUBLIC AND HOW THE TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES RESPOND TO SAME.**

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe (hereinafter "Monroe") employs several individuals; and

WHEREAS, Monroe owns real property, including the Township Building, which includes portions of the building that are open to the public during normal business hours and some portions which are not open to the public; and

WHEREAS, Monroe employees may encounter individuals who attempt to video record them in the performance of their official duties.

WHEREAS, Monroe seeks to adopt a policy to protect and respect the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment Right of individuals to video record in public while also protecting the rights of individuals to engage with and enjoy the services offered by the Township and its employees.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Monroe Township, Snyder County, Pennsylvania, adopts this resolution to create a policy regarding individuals filming in public.

1. Monroe recognizes that individuals have the Constitutionally protected right to video and audio record anything that is visible from public spaces, which right specifically includes the right to record government employees, officials, and police officers conducting their official duties. See Fields v. City of Philadelphia, 862 F.3d 353, 356 (3d Cir. 2017).
2. Real property owned by Monroe is considered "public property" unless access is otherwise restricted by locking doors or placing no trespassing, restricted access, employees only, or other appropriate signs.

3. Individuals shall have the right to record inside areas of Monroe buildings that are open to the public during routine business hours.
4. Monroe employees may direct an individual who is filming inside Monroe buildings not to engage in the following "Restricted Activity": blocking doorways, interfering with other citizen's ability to engage with and enjoy the services offered by Monroe, harassing, or intimidating Monroe employees or other individuals, or any other illegal activity.
5. Using recording devices, engaging in general dialogue, or asking questions of Monroe employees pertaining to their official duties shall not qualify as Restricted Activity.
6. If an individual is engaged in audio and video recording, a Monroe employee is encouraged, if able, to approach the individual, inform them that Monroe recognizes their lawful right to record, and ask if the employee can answer any questions they have of about Monroe Township. If the individual does not need assistance, the employee should return to their normal duties.

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED at a duly advertised public meeting on <sup>April</sup> ~~May~~ 24 2024 by the Monroe Township Board of Supervisors. Snyder County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

Seconded by Supervisor Ryan Mack.

Upon a vote, the Resolution was adopted and enacted.

ATTEST:

MONROE TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

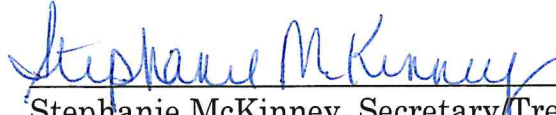
Stephanie McKinney  
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Secretary/Treasurer

BY: David A Heimbach  
David Heimbach, Chair

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Stephanie McKinney, Secretary/Treasurer of the Township of Monroe, Snyder County, Pennsylvania, hereby attest and certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Township of Monroe Resolution No. 2024-5, which was duly enacted at the regular meeting of the Monroe Township Board of Supervisors on May 24, 2024.

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Stephanie McKinney, Secretary/Treasurer