

ORDINANCE NO. 14-81

SPEED LIMITS ON MASON COUNTY ROADS

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, as authorized by RCW 46.61.415, is to determine, on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, the maximum speed permitted on a county highway or part of a county highway; and,

WHEREAS, said Board establishes maximum speeds by ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, ordinances and/or past resolutions have become unclear due to changes of road names, road numbers, land marks, ownerships, etc.; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners wishes to eliminate ambiguities, increase efficiency and reduce potential costs to those departments which are involved in speed limits, and assure proper and adequate notice to users of county roads;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that this ordinance shall supersede all previous speed limit resolutions, ordinances, or directives, including any and all prior issues of Chapter 10.04 of the Mason County Code; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that Title 10.04 of the Mason County Code is amended in its entirety to read as follows:

10.04.010 Basic:

Unless otherwise posted, the maximum speed limit on county roads is fifty (50) miles per hour except where a reduction in speed is required by 10.04.020 or 10.04.040 below.

10.04.020 Altered Speed Limits:

The Board of County Commissioners, by ordinance, may raise or lower the maximum speed limit on any county road except that in no case shall the speed limit be raised above fifty (50) miles per hour. Such altered speed limit shall become effective when the road or portion thereof has been signed in accordance with 10.04.030 below.

10.04.030 Signs and Records:

The County Engineer shall, as soon as practical after the Board alters a speed limit by ordinance, post signs showing the new limit on the affected road or portions thereof, and such signing shall be notice to the users of the road of the maximum speed limit allowed thereon except where a reduction in speed is required by 10.04.040 below. The County Engineer shall establish and maintain a file of all ordinances setting or altering speed limits and a listing showing the current speed limit on each county road or portion thereof, and such files and listings shall be open to the public.

10.04.040 Due Care:

(1) Except when a special hazard exists that requires lower speed for compliance with subsection (2) of this section, the limits as specified above shall be maximum lawful speeds, and no person shall drive a vehicle on a highway at a speed in excess of such maximum limits.

(2) No person shall drive a vehicle on a highway at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions and having regard to the actual and potential hazards

then existing. In every event speed shall be so controlled as may be necessary to avoid colliding with any person, vehicle or other conveyance on or entering the highway in compliance with legal requirements and the duty of all persons to use due care.

ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE this 20th day of April, 1981.

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