

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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SECRETARY

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Alice Derian Town Manager Town of North Topsail Beach 2008 Loggerhead Court North Topsail Beach, NC 28460

Ms. Derian,

In response to citizen requests and discussions with the Town, the Department conducted speed limit studies on SR 1568 New River Inlet Road this past winter 2023-2024 and in summer 2024. The studies considered speed data, crash history, road characteristics, and existing conditions.

Resultant from these studies, the Department is pursuing a speed limit of 35 mph for SR 1568 New River Inlet Road. This would entail repeal of a Municipal Speed Limit 45 ordinance for the 3.92-mile section of SR 1568 New River Inlet Road running northeast from NC 210 within the North Topsail Beach town limits. Upon the referenced ordinance repeal, the road section's speed limit would be statutory 35 mph matching the existing speed limit on the remaining 1.4-mile section of the road.

An advance informational Certification of Municipal Declaration To Repeal Speed Limits and Request for Concurrence form is enclosed for the repeal of the referenced speed limit 45 ordinance #1033725. The Department requests that this matter be put on the Board of Alderman meeting agenda for adoption of a resolution. The required original form, along with a spare form, on watermarked bond paper would be mailed to you and there can be no annotations, corrections, or changes made on the original form. Upon adoption by the Board, one original form should then be certified by the town clerk or by the mayor and sent by US mail to my attention at the address below.

We thank the Town for the partnership on this request and shared concern for highway safety. Please contact me at (910) 341-2200 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Stonewall Mathis, PE Division Traffic Engineer

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