



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF SNOQUALMIE

AB24-078
July 8, 2024
Ordinance

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB24-078: SR-202 Elk Fields Speed Limit Reduction	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only
PROPOSED ACTION:	Adopt Ordinance No. 1291 amending the Snoqualmie Municipal Code Section 10.12.030(A)(4) reducing the speed limit of SR-202 from the Mile Post 27.95 to Mile Post 28.28, Southerly City Limits	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution

REVIEW:	Department Director	Jeff Hamlin	Click or tap to enter a date.
	Finance	n/a	6/24/2024
	Legal	David Linehan	6/22/2024
	City Administrator	Mike Chambless	Click or tap to enter a date.

DEPARTMENT:	Parks & Public Works		
	STAFF: Patrick Fry, Project Engineer		
	COMMITTEE: Parks & Public Works		COMMITTEE DATE: July 2, 2024
	EXHIBITS: 1. AB24-078x1 (Ordinance) 2. AB24-078x2 (WSDOT Traffic Study Map)		

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ n/a
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ n/a
APPROPRIATION REQUESTED	\$ n/a

SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

This Agenda Bill seeks to amend Snoqualmie Municipal Code to reduce the speed limit on SR 202, a Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT) owned Road from Mile Post 27.95 (Middle School) to Mile Post 28.28 (Southerly City Limits) to 40 MPH from 50 MPH.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

In October of 2022, the City of Snoqualmie in conjunction with WSDOT lowered the speed limit along SR 202 from the Northerly City Limits to Mile Post 27.95 after adopting Ordinance 1265. Those changes were instituted as a result of the Town Center Phase 2 improvements as well as increased vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

BACKGROUND

RCW 46.61.400 establishes Washington State's basic speed law and the maximum speed limits for state highways. The statute also authorizes WSDOT to raise or lower the maximum speed limit when supported by an engineering and traffic investigation. Any speed limit revision must be approved by the State Traffic Engineer and supported by local ordinance.

Typical Average Daily Traffic (ADT) has increased to 10,000 in this region, and this segment of SR 202 serves the popular weekend destinations of Snoqualmie Falls, Salish Lodge, Northwest Railway Museum, and the Snoqualmie Ridge golf course. In November, 2023, the City of Snoqualmie requested that WSDOT review potential permanent speed reductions on SR 202, due to increased vehicle traffic and increased vehicle conflicts with the elk.

ANALYSIS

WSDOT performed a traffic study looking at available crash data, existing speed limits, and 85th percentile speed among other necessary data points to determine appropriate speeds throughout this corridor. The study analyzed data between February 8, 2024, through February 14, 2024. Conclusions drawn in the speed study are as follows:

- Mile Post 27.95 to Mile Post 28.28 to be 40 MPH

PROPOSED ACTION

Motion to waive Council Rule of Procedure 9.6.2.2 and adopt Ordinance 1291 amending the Snoqualmie Municipal Code to reduce the speed limit of SR-202 from Mile post 27.95 to Mile Post 28.28, the Southerly City Limits, from 50 MPH to 40 MPH on first and final reading.

OR

Motion to authorize the first reading pertaining to adoption of Ordinance 1291 amending the Snoqualmie Municipal Code to reduce the speed limit of SR-202 from Mile post 27.95 to Mile Post 28.28, the Southerly City Limits, from 50 MPH to 40 MPH and set forth the second reading and adoption at the July 22, 2024, City Council meeting.