

ORDINANCE NO. XXXX

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SNOQUALMIE AMENDING SECTION 10.12.030(A)(4) OF THE SNOQUALMIE MUNICIPAL CODE TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ON STATE ROUTE 202 (RAILROAD AVENUE) BETWEEN MILEPOST 27.95 AND MILEPOST 28.28 (SOUTHERLY CITY LIMIS) WITHIN THE CITY OF SNOQUALMIE; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, a portion of State Route 202, also currently known as Railroad Avenue, lies within the City of Snoqualmie; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Snoqualmie Municipal Code (“SMC”) 10.12.030(A)(4), the speed limit on SR 202 / Railroad Avenue beginning at milepost 27.95 and ending at milepost 28.28 is 50 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, RCW 46.04.280 and 46.61.415, and SMC 10.12.020 authorize the Snoqualmie City Council to alter the maximum speed limit within the city when it determines on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that the maximum speed permitted by state law is greater or less than is reasonable and safe under the conditions found to exist; and

WHEREAS, in November 2023, the City of Snoqualmie requested that WSDOT review potential permanent speed reductions on SR 202, due to increased vehicle traffic to / from Snoqualmie and vehicle conflicts arising from vehicles striking elk and other wildlife; and

WHEREAS, based on an engineering and traffic investigation, the Washington State Department of Transportation (“WSDOT”) has determined that the current speed limits applicable from mile post 27.95 to mile post 28.28 are greater than what is reasonable and safe under vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian conditions currently existing; and

WHEREAS, based upon WSDOT’s engineering and traffic investigation, the City Council has determined that 40 miles per hour is the reasonable and safe maximum limit on SR 202 / Railroad Avenue

between Milepost 27.95 and Milepost 28.28, and that the current speed limit of 50 miles per hour should therefore be decreased to 40 miles per hour;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SNOQUALMIE,
WASHINGTON, HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Amendment of SMC 10.12.030. SMC 10.12.030(A)(4) is hereby amended to read as follows:

10.12.030 Schedule of approved altered speed limits.

On the basis of engineering and traffic investigation, the following altered speed limits are hereby established:

- A. SR 202 (with the approval of the Secretary of Transportation):
 - 1. Beginning at milepost 25.42 (the northerly city of Snoqualmie boundary) and ending at milepost 26.57 (SE Northern Street), 35 miles per hour;
 - 2. Beginning at milepost 26.57 (SE Northern Street) and ending at milepost 27.07 (SE Newton Street), 25 miles per hour;
 - 3. Beginning at milepost 27.07 (SE Newton Street) and ending at milepost 27.95, 35 miles per hour; and
 - 4. Beginning at milepost 27.95 and ending at milepost 28.28, at the boundary of the corporate limits of the cities of Snoqualmie and North Bend, ~~50~~ 40 miles per hour.
- B. Snoqualmie Parkway within the corporate limits of the city, 40 miles per hour.

Section 2. Coordination With WSDOT. A copy of this Ordinance shall be provided to the Secretary of the Washington State Department of Transportation along with a request that, pursuant to RCW 46.61.415(6) and RCW 47.24.020(13), the Secretary approve the reduction in maximum speed adopted in Section 1 above and authorize WSDOT to install appropriate “40 miles per hour” maximum speed limit signs, as applicable, in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (“MUTCD”).

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after passage and publication. However, the reduced speed limit adopted herein shall not be enforced until the Washington State Secretary of Transportation has approved the reduced speed limit and appropriate signs giving notice thereof have been erected.

Section 4. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 5. Publication. This ordinance or a summary thereof consisting of the title shall be published in the official newspaper of the City at the earliest possible publication date.

Section 6. Corrections by City Clerk or Code Reviser. Upon approval of the City Attorney, the City Clerk and the code reviser are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance, including but not limited to the correction of clerical errors; references to other local, state or federal laws, codes, rules, or regulations; or ordinance numbering and section/subsection numbering.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF SNOQUALMIE, WASHINGTON THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2024, AND SIGNED INTO AUTHENTICATION THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

Katherine Ross, Mayor

Attest:

Deana Dean, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

David Linehan, City Attorney