

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-11

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE,
WASHINGTON, AMENDING EATONVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE
CHAPTER 10.08 RELATING TO SPEED LIMITS BY REDUCING
THE SPEED LIMIT ON STATE ROUTE 161 FOR CERTAIN AREAS
LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE**

WHEREAS, there have been fifteen collisions in five years, including one serious injury accident on State Route 161 at or near the Ski Park intersection in the north end of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the current speed limit on State Route 161 at or near the Ski Park intersection makes it difficult and dangerous to turn northbound onto State Route 161 from Ohop Valley Extension Road and also turning northbound or southbound onto State Route 161 from Ski Park Road; and

WHEREAS, the presence of Smallwood Park along State Route 161 near the Mashell Avenue Bridge creates a considerable amount of pedestrian and vehicular traffic, which will increase as the Town moves forward with the on-going trail project in the area; and

WHEREAS, the current speed limit on State Route 161 at and near Smallwood Park creates unsafe conditions for pedestrians and drivers trying to visit the park; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has concerns for the safety of the public in the areas mentioned herein and desires to lower the speed limit along State Route 161 in the areas in question; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 46.61.415 the Town has the authority to establish or alter maximum speed limits within its jurisdiction subject to the approval of the Washington State Secretary of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Secretary of Transportation, via the Department of Transportation Traffic Operations Division, has reviewed the areas in question and agrees with the reduction of speed limits on State Route 161 for the areas in question; now, therefore,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE
AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Eatonville Municipal Code Section 10.08.060 is hereby AMENDED to read as follows:

10.08.060 Speed limits along State Route 161.

For all sections of State Route 161 located within the Town of Eatonville, the following speed limits shall apply: for all sections south of milepost 2.34, the speed limit shall be 50 miles per hour; from milepost 2.34 to milepost 2.69, the speed limit shall be 30 miles per hour; from milepost 2.69 to milepost 3.46, the speed limit shall be 25 miles per hour; and for all sections north of milepost 3.46, the speed limit shall be 40 miles per hour.

Section 2. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or should any portion of this Ordinance be preempted by state or federal law or regulation, such decision or preemption shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect after publication of a summary, consisting of the title, pursuant to RCW 35.27.300.

1ST READING: Waived
2ND READING: 10/13/2014

PASSED by the Town Council of the Town of Eatonville and attested by the Clerk in authentication of such passage this 13th day of October, 2014.

Mike Schaub
Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy Linnemeyer
Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Gregory A. Jacoby
Town Attorney