

# TOWN OF EATONVILLE

## Agenda Staff Report

Agenda Item No.:	_____	Meeting Date:	<u>October 13, 2014</u>
Subject:	<u>Ordinance 2014-11 Amending</u>	Prepared by:	<u>Greg Jacoby</u>
	<u>Eatonville Municipal Code Section</u>		<u>Town Attorney</u>
	<u>10.08.060 Reducing Speed Limits on</u>	Atty Routing No:	<u>032-14</u>
	<u>Sections of State Route 161</u>	Atty Review Date:	<u>October 8, 2014</u>

**Summary:** The Town Public Safety Committee identified certain sections of State Route 161, running through the Town, which create dangerous and hazardous conditions for drivers and pedestrians because of high speed limits. Town staff contacted the Department of Transportation Traffic Operations Division (which operates subject to control of the Secretary of Transportation), who researched traffic collision history for the areas in question and also performed an on-site review and inspection of the areas in question. The Department of Transportation agrees that speed limits along State Route 161 in the areas in question should be lowered as a public safety concern. RCW 46.61.415 permits the Town to reduce speed limits along those portions of State Route 161 which fall within the Town so long as approval from the Washington State Secretary of Transportation is received.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends adoption of Ordinance No. 2014-11 amending Eatonville Municipal Code section 10.08.060.

**Motion for consideration:** I move to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-11 amending Eatonville Municipal Code section 10.08.060.

**Fiscal Impact:** None.

**Attachments:** Ordinance No. 2014-11

**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.**

~~That part of State Route 161 from milepost 2.28, being the southernmost town limit to milepost 2.34, be posted as a 50-mile-per-hour zone. That part of State Route 161 from milepost 2.34 to milepost 2.71, the intersection of Alder Street, be posted as a 35-mile-per-hour zone. That part of State Route 161 from milepost 2.71 to milepost 3.33, which is the intersection of Lynch Creek Road East, and which is also the northernmost town limit, be posted as a 25-mile-per-hour zone.~~

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 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014.

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Mike Schaub  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kathy Linnemeyer  
Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Gregory A. Jacoby  
Town Attorney