

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-08

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 71 OF THE WELLS COUNTY CODE
TO UPDATE SCHEDULE I. SPEED LIMITS**

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 36-1-3, et. seq. ("the Indiana Home Rule Act"), permits any county in the State of Indiana to exercise any power or for the performance of any function necessary to the public interest in the context of its county or internal affairs which is not prohibited by the Constitution of the United States or of the State of Indiana, or denied or pre-empted by any other law, or is not expressly granted by any other law to another governmental entity;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Indiana Code ("IC") 9-21-1-2, a local authority may adopt by ordinance additional traffic regulations with respect to highways under the authority's jurisdiction to the extent that the ordinance does not conflict with or duplicate a statute;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Indiana Code 9-21-1-3(a) a local authority, with respect to private roads and highways under the authority's jurisdiction, in accordance with Indiana Code 9-21-1-3.3(a), and within the reasonable exercise of the police power, may undertake certain actions;

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 9-21-1-3(b) provides that an ordinance or regulation adopted under Indiana Code 9-21-1-3(a) subsections (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (10), (11), (12), (13), or (14), is effective when signs giving notice of the local traffic regulations are posted upon or at the entrances to the highway or part of the highway that is affected;

WHEREAS, the Wells County Sheriff, the Wells County Highway Supervisor, and the Wells County Highway Engineer have reported to that SCHEDULE I. SPEED LIMITS of Chapter 71: Traffic Schedules ("Schedule I") of the Wells County Code should be reviewed and changes made to Schedule I, and have submitted a revised Schedule I, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Wells ("Commissioners") is the county legislative and executive body and is authorized to adopt ordinances and resolutions concerning Wells County governmental operations and the Commissioners have determined that said revised Schedule I should be adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WELLS, INDIANA, THAT:

SECTION I – REPEAL OF PRIOR LAW

- (1) Repeal. All provisions of ordinances and resolutions previously adopted are hereby repealed and that this Ordinance replaces, to the extent they are inconsistent with or in conflict with this ordinance, including specifically, but not limited to Ordinance 2020-20.

- (2) Ratification. All previous actions prior to the adoption of this ordinance are hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved in their entirety to the extent the actions otherwise conform to this ordinance.
- (3) Restatement. To the extent that the provisions contained in this ordinance substantially restate the provisions of a prior ordinance or resolution, the provisions shall not be deemed a new enactment of the original provisions, but rather shall be deemed to be the continuation of the original provisions.
- (4) Continuance. The express or implied repeal or amendment by this ordinance of any other ordinance or part thereof does not affect any rights or liabilities accrued, penalties incurred, or proceedings begun prior to the effective date of this ordinance. Those rights, liabilities, and proceedings are continued, and penalties shall be imposed and enforced under the repealed or amended ordinance as if this ordinance had not been adopted.
- (5) Rulemaking. All rules and regulations adopted under any continued version of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect except as specifically provided otherwise.
- (6) Revival Prohibited. The express or implied repeal or amendment by this ordinance of any other ordinance or resolution or part thereof shall not be construed to revive any former ordinance, resolution, section, clause, or provision.

SECTION II. - ORDINANCE

- (1) Purpose. The purpose of this Ordinance is to adopt the revised SCHEDULE I. SPEED LIMITS of Chapter 71: Traffic Schedules to the Wells County Code by the attached schedule which is incorporated herein by reference.
- (2) The Wells County Highway Department shall mark said roadways as restricted in accordance with this Ordinance by placement of appropriate signage.

SECTION III – MISCELLANEOUS

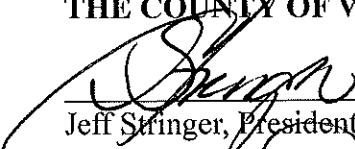
- (1) References.
 - (a) Except where a specific version or edition is given, reference to another section of this ordinance or to another law, document, fund, department, board, program, public servant, or public office, shall extend and apply to the same, as may be subsequently amended, revised, recodified, renamed, reappointed, or renumbered from time to time.
 - (b) Reference in this ordinance to a law, document, fund, department, board, program, public servant, or public office, either generally or by title, without reference to another jurisdiction, shall be construed as though it were preceded or followed, as appropriate, by the words “(of) Wells County (Indiana).”

- (c) Should a provision of this ordinance require an act to be done which, by law, an agent or deputy may do instead of the principal, the requirement is satisfied by the performance of the act by an authorized agent or deputy.
- (2) Judicial Review. This ordinance is intended only to improve the internal management of the County. Notwithstanding anything in this ordinance to the contrary, nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to create any new legal duty, right, or benefit, whether substantive or procedural, enforceable against the County; nor to waive or diminish any protection that may be applicable to the County or any of its elected or appointed officials, employees, agents, or representatives under any applicable law providing governmental immunity, or any other rights, protections, immunities, defenses, or limitations on liability that the County or such related parties are provided by law.
- (3) Conflicts. No part of this ordinance shall be interpreted to conflict with any local, state, or federal laws, and all reasonable efforts should be made to harmonize the same.
- (4) Severability. Should any section or part thereof of this ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the decision shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, nor any other portion thereof, and for this purpose the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.
- (5) Promulgation. The Auditor is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to take all action necessary or proper to authenticate, record, publish, promulgate, and/or otherwise make this ordinance effective.
- (6) Codification. To the extent a substantive change in meaning does not result, the codifier of ordinances may omit the Name, Recitals, Miscellaneous, Repeals, and Adoption sections of this ordinance from the official code, may renumber, reorder, or reorganize any section of this ordinance, and may alter references to and within this ordinance as appropriate.
- (7) Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage by the Commissioners and the erection of the appropriate signs by the Wells County Highway Department as ordered by this Ordinance.

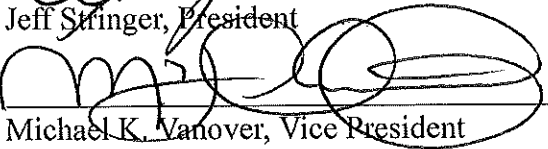
SECTION IV – ADOPTION

Adopted and ordained this 3rd day of August, 2026.

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Blake Gerber, Member

ATTEST:

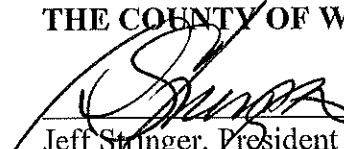


Lisa McCormick, Auditor

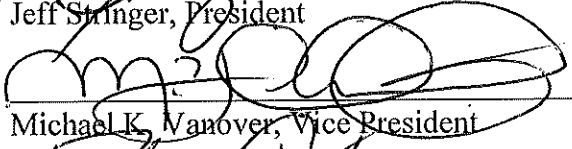
WAIVER OF SECOND READING

On motion duly made and seconded, the second reading of the foregoing ordinance was unanimously waived, and the ordinance shall be deemed effective as provided therein.

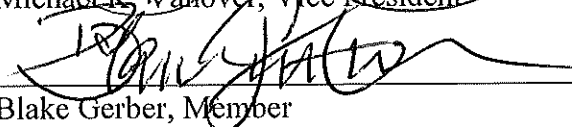
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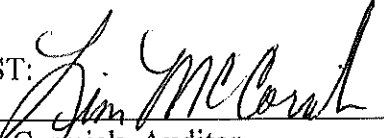


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Lisa McCormick, Auditor

This instrument was prepared by the Wells County Attorney, Theodore T. Storer, Attorney No. 17576-02, 110 W. Berry St. Ste. 1100 Fort Wayne, IN 46802.

I affirm, under penalties for perjury, that I have taken reasonable care to redact each Social Security number in this document, unless required by law. *Lisa McCormick*

Street	Description	Miles Per Hour	Times	Notes/Urban Area	Classification* (IC 9-21-5-2)
All County roads subject to speed limit per IC 9-21-5 unless limits are changed as noted below.					
700 East (SR 301) SB	Between a point .02 mile north of the NYC and St. L railroad crossing and a point 700 feet north	40	All	Craigville	Highway
700 East (SR 301) NB	Between NYC and St. L railroad crossing and a point 700 feet south	40	All	Craigville	
250 North	Between SR 1 and SR 116	40	All		
150 North	Between SR 116 and the Bluffton City Limits (south side of Hickory Hills Golf Course)	45	All	Bluffton	
River Road	From 450 East to Bluffton City Limits	45	All	Bluffton	
300 West	From Intersection with 1100 North to 1150 North	45	All	Zanesville	
300 West (Main St)	From intersection with 250 South 1000 feet south	40	All	Liberty Center	
100 East	From Intersection with SR 116/350N to intersection with 950 North	45	All		
900 South	From its intersection with 300 West to 350 West which it marked with a "School Zone" sign	35	During 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	SWCS	
900 South	From its intersection with 300 West to 600 West	45	All		
510 West (500 West)	From its intersection with 900 South to 1100 South	40	All		
500 West	From its intersection with SR 124 to 100 North	40	All	Rockcreek Stone Quarry	
450 East	From its intersection with Elm Grove Rd/SR 201 to SR 116	45	All	Bluffton	
450 East	From its intersection with SR 124 to its intersection with 1200 North	45	All		
100 South	From its intersection with State Road 301 in Harrison Township west to SR 201	45	All		
Marzane Road	From Markle City Limits to 1,500 feet north out of town	45	All		Highway
950 North	From Ossian City Limits to 100 East	45	All		
200 South	From SR 1 to Hoosier Highway	45	All		
Willow Road	From SR 218 to 700 West	40	All		
300 West	In the vicinity of Southern Wells Jr. Sr. School and being that portion of roadway located 950 ft north of 900S to 500 ft south of 950S. Marked with "School Zone" sign	40	During 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	SWCS	

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100 North	From what would be 550 East to Bluffton City Limits	45	All	Bluffton (Dustman Rd)	Highway
1100 North	From its intersection with State Road 1 to the intersection with the Railroad to the west	35	All		
1100 South	Starting 700 feet east of the intersection of County Road 1100 South and County Road 510 W. and ending 1,800 feet east of the intersection of County Road 1100 South and County Road 510 W	30	All	Bridge 66	
Elm Grove Road	From its intersection of SR 201/450 East to Bluffton City Limits	45	All		
Roadways Classified as "Urban District" are subject to speed limits per IC 9-21-5-2 unless alternate limits are specified above.					
North Oak St Ext.	200 Feet west of corner to a point 700 feet west of corner of 100 North	30	All	Bluffton	Urban District
Center Drive	All areas within North Oaks Subdivision	30	All	Bluffton	
Circle Drive	All areas within North Oaks Subdivision	30	All	Bluffton	
Maple Drive	All areas within North Oaks Subdivision	30	All	Bluffton	
Oak Drive	All areas within North Oaks Subdivision	30	All	Bluffton	
Shady Lane	All areas within North Oaks Subdivision	30	All	Bluffton	
Spruce Drive	All areas within North Oaks Subdivision	30	All	Bluffton	
No Number Road	All of No Number Road from 300 E to 200 S	30	All	Bluffton	
Linn Road	All of Linn Road from Meridian to 100 S	30	All	Bluffton	
Fairway Lane	All areas within Country Club Estates	30	All	Bluffton	
North Timberidge Rd	All areas within Country Club Estates	30	All	Bluffton	
South Timberidge Rd	All areas within Country Club Estates	30	All	Bluffton	
Terrace Drive	All areas of Terrace Drive from SR 116 to end	30	All	Bluffton	
1st St. (Petroleum)	All of 1st Street within Petroleum	30	All	Petroleum	
2nd St. (Petroleum)	All of 2nd Street within Petroleum	30	All	Petroleum	
Cherry St. (Liberty Center)	All of Cherry Street within Liberty Center	30	All	Liberty Center	
Cherry St. (Petroleum)	All of Cherry Street within Petroleum	30	All	Petroleum	
East St. (Liberty Center)	All of East St within Liberty Center	30	All	Liberty Center	
Garhard St (Murray)	All of Garhard St. within Murray	30	All	Murray	

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Main St. (Murray)	All of Main Street within Murray	30	All	Murray	Urban District
Maple St. (Petroleum)	All of Maple Street within Petroleum	30	All	Petroleum	
Market St. (Murray)	All of Market St within Murray	30	All	Murray	
Matthews St (Murray)	All of Matthews St within Murray	30	All	Murray	
Morgan St (Liberty Center)	All of Morgan St within Liberty Center	30	All	Liberty Center	
North St. (Tocsin)	All of North Street from 600 E within Tocsin	30	All	Tocsin	
Railroad St (Liberty Center)	All of Railroad St within Liberty Center	30	All	Liberty Center	
Wabash St (Murray)	All of Wabash St within Murray	30	All	Murray	
Walnut St. (Liberty Center)	All of Walnut St within Liberty Center	30	All	Liberty Center	
Walnut St. (Petroleum)	All of Walnut Street within Petroleum	30	All	Petroleum	
West St. (Liberty Center)	All of West Street within Liberty Center	30	All	Liberty Center	
Plumb St (Liberty Center)	All of Plumb Street within Liberty Center	30	All	Liberty Center	
200 West	From 1/4 mile north and south of intersection of 200 West and 1000 South (Keystone)	30	All	Keystone	
200 East/Ellingham	From intersection of 200 South to Bluffton City Limits	30	All	Bluffton	
Hoosier Highway/Clark St	From intersection with 200 South to Bluffton City Limits	30	All	Bluffton	
500 West	From 100 ft south of intersection with 100 N to 700 feet north of 100 North	30	All	Rockford	
Main St. (Tocsin)	From intersection of US 224 to intersection with North St	30	All	Tocsin	
West St. (Tocsin)	From intersection of US 224 to intersection with North St.	30	All	Tocsin	
Mill St. (Tocsin)	From intersection of US 224 to intersection with Stewart St.	30	All	Tocsin	
Stewart St (Tocsin)	From intersection of West St to intersection with Mill St.	30	All	Tocsin	
300 West	From Intersection with 1150 North to Zanesville	30	All	Zanesville	
300 West (Main St)	From intersection with 300 South 2000 feet north and 1000 feet south	30	All	Liberty Center	
300 South (Market St)	From intersection with 300 West 3,000 feet east and 1,300 feet west	30	All	Liberty Center	

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100 North	From intersection with 500 W to 2,500 feet east over Rock Creek	30	All	Rockford	Urban District
900 South (Domestic)	From intersection with 700 East 900 feet to west and 750 feet east	30	All	Domestic	
Little River Trace	From intersection with 900N to end	30	All	Bridges Sub.	
Indian Trace	From intersection with Little River Trace to End	30	All	Bridges Sub.	
Settlers Trace	From intersection with Little River Trace to End	30	All	Bridges Sub.	
900 South (Market St.- Petroleum)	From intersection with Maple St in Petroleum to the crossing of the Pace-McClain ditch approx 600 feet east of SR 1	30	All	Petroleum	
Tile St (Tocsin)	From intersection with North St. south to end of Road	30	All	Tocsin	
600 East	From intersection with US 224 north 1,500 feet	30	All	Tocsin	
Diane Drive (Ossian)	From Ossian Town limits north to intersection with Brook Court	30	All	Ossian	
Dyar Road	From intersection with State Road 1 to End	30	All	Ossian	
McNeal Circle	From Intersection with Dyar Road each way to End	30	All	Ossian	
1000 South	From Rail Road Track crossing East of 200 West Keystone to 300 yards west of 200 West	30	All	Keystone	
1100 North	From SR 1 to Railroad Crossing	30	All	Kozy Kort	
600 West	From SR 218 to 1,000 ft south of intersection of 625 South	30	All	Mt. Zion	
Elm St. (Mt. Zion)	All of Elm St from 600 W to End	30	All	Mt. Zion	
East St. (Mt. Zion)	All of East St from Elm to Neff in area of Mount Zion	30	All	Mt. Zion	
Neff St. (Mt Zion)	All of Neff St from 600 W to End	30	All	Mt. Zion	
North Oak St Ext.	Located on North Oak Street from City Limits to 200 Ft west of the Northeast corner of Section 32 T27N, R14E	30	All	Bluffton	
Railroad St. (Craigville)	All of Railroad St within Craigville	30	All	Craigville	
Market St. (Craigville)	All of Market St. within Craigville	30	All	Craigville	
West St. (Craigville)	All of West St. within Craigville	30	All	Craigville	
Maple St. (Craigville)	All of Maple St. within Craigville	30	All	Craigville	
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700 East (SR 301)	On SR 301 between the NYC and St. L railroad crossing and a point .02 mile north	30	All	Craigville	
All alleyways or unnamed county rights of way are subject to a 15 mile-per-hour speed limit at all times. IC 9-21-5-2 (8)					