

Ordinance 1670

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TOWN CODE SECTION 12-309 BY REDUCING THE
MAXIMUM SCHOOL ZONE SPEED LIMITS NEAR MARGARET BEEKS, GILBERT
LINKOUS AND HARDING AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Blacksburg:

1. That Section 12-309 of the Town Code is amended and reordained, as follows:

Section 12-309. Speed limits; town manager to designate.

(a) Except as provided in this section, those speed limits set forth in Virginia Code (1950) Title 46.2 Subtitle III, Chapter 8, Article 8, as amended, shall apply in this town. It shall be unlawful to operate any motor vehicle in excess of any speed limit established as provided in this section, if such speed limit is clearly indicated by markers or signs.

(b) There shall be a 15-mile-per-hour speed limit on that part of College Avenue from Main Street to Otey Street and on that part of Otey Street from College Avenue to Roanoke Street, and on that part of Turner Street between Giles Road and Northview Drive.

(c) There shall be a 15-mile-per-hour speed limit on Huntington Lane.

(d) There shall be a 25-mile-per-hour speed limit on Fairview Drive.

(e) There shall be a 40-mile-per-hour speed limit on Price's Fork Road from *Old* Glade Road west to the western ~~city~~ *town* limits.

(f) There shall be a 35-mile-per-hour speed limit on South Main Street from Ellett Road to the southern town limits.

(g) There shall be a 30-mile-per-hour speed limit on Mt. Tabor Road from North Main Street to the northern town limits.

~~(h) — There shall be a 20-mile-per-hour school zone speed limit on Toms Creek Road and Watson Avenue within six hundred (600) feet of the limits of the Gilbert Linkous Elementary School property. This school speed zone shall be marked and operated in accordance with the provisions of Virginia Code § 46.2-873.~~

(h) *The maximum school zone speed limits on the streets near the following elementary schools shall be as set forth below:*

(i) *near Margaret Beeks Elementary School, the maximum school zone speed limit shall be (a) 15 mph on Airport Road from a school speed zone sign located 550 feet north from the Margaret Beeks Elementary School property to a school speed zone sign located 550 feet to the south of the property and (b) 15 mph on Country Club Drive SW from a school speed zone sign located 600' to the northeast of the Margaret Beeks Elementary School property to the intersection of Country Club Drive SW with Airport Road, as shown on Exhibit A, "Margaret Beeks Elementary School 15 MPH Speed Zone Signs."*

(ii) *near Harding Avenue Elementary, the maximum school zone speed limit shall be (a) 15 mph on Harding Avenue from a school speed zone sign located 320 feet southwest of the Harding Avenue Elementary School property to a school speed zone sign located 620 feet to the northeast of the property and (b) 15 mph on Owen Street from a school speed zone sign located 525 feet to the southeast of the Harding Avenue Elementary School property to a school speed zone sign located on Owen Street 550 feet from the property, as shown on Exhibit B, "Harding Avenue Elementary School 15 MPH Speed Zone Signs."*

(iii) *near Gilbert Linkous Elementary, the maximum school zone speed limit shall be (a) 15 mph on Watson Lane from its intersection with Toms Creek Road to a school speed zone sign located 520 feet from the Gilbert Linkous Elementary School property and (b) 20 mph on Toms Creek Road from a school speed zone sign located 600 feet north of Gilbert Linkous Elementary School property to a school speed zone sign located 600 feet south of the property, as shown on Exhibit C, "Gilbert Linkous Elementary School 15 MPH Speed Zone Signs."*

The above-referenced exhibits (Exhibits A, B and C) are attached to Ordinance 1670 and incorporated by reference.

As provided by Virginia Code § 46.2-873 (f), the maximum school zone speed limits established in this sub-section were requested by the Montgomery County School Board in a resolution adopted June 18, 2013, then approved by the Town Council by Ordinance 1670.

(i) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the town manager may increase or decrease the speed limit on any street within the town, provided such increase or decrease in speed shall be based upon an engineering and traffic investigation, and provided such speed limit is clearly indicated by markers or signs.

(j) The town manager may reduce for a temporary period not to exceed sixty (60) days, without such engineering and traffic investigation, the speed limit on any portion of any street within the town on which work is being done or where the street is under construction or repair.

2. That this ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

1st Reading: _____

2nd Reading & Adoption: _____

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Chief of Police

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Town Attorney