

ORDINANCE NO. 1430

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON AMENDING RIDGEFIELD MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 10.08 (SPEED LIMITS) CHANGING POSTED AND UNPOSTED SPEED LIMITS FOR PORTIONS OF PIONEER STREET, S 15TH STREET, S WELLS DRIVE, S 35TH PLACE, S 10TH WAY, S 25TH PLACE, S 4TH WAY, UNION RIDGE PARKWAY AND S HILLHURST RD

WHEREAS, the City of Ridgefield has adopted the Washington State Model Traffic Ordinance (WAC 308-330) which encourages uniform traffic laws throughout Washington State while providing local agencies the authority to raise and lower speed limits on local roadways; and

WHEREAS, RCW 46.61.415 establishes that local authorities may post, increase or decrease speeds on local roadways in their respective jurisdictions following an engineering and traffic investigation on arterial streets; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) allows jurisdictions to consider other factors into considerations for modifying speed limits; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ridgefield has adopted previous Ordinances since 1967 pertaining to the established speed limits within the City Limits and enforcement thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Horizontal Curves Safety Project has collected and assessed speed and traffic data at several locations around the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has conducted an appropriate engineering evaluation consistent with newer guidance from the MUTCD and has determined that modifying or designating speeds limits on several City streets is warranted; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has identified the following list of proposed speed limit adjustments to be established in code via this ordinance:

- Pioneer Street, east of 9th Avenue/Hillhurst to 65th Avenue, reduce from 40 mph to 35 mph;
- S. 15th Street/S 35th Place/S. 10th Way/S 25th Place, west of S Royle Road, establish a 25 mph speed limit for the entire scenic collector, to be covered under 10.08.010 - Speed limits established—Generally (25 mph speed limit);
- S. 4th Way, S 21st Place to S 25th Place, establish a 20 mph speed limit;
- S. Wells Drive, Royle Rd. to future Discovery Drive (approximately 5500 block), reduce from 35 mph to 30 mph;
- Union Ridge Parkway, S 5th Street to Pioneer Street, establish a 35 mph speed limit;
- Union Ridge Parkway, north of Pioneer Street along Clark College building to a future extension to N 10th Street, establish a 25 mph speed limit, to be covered under 10.08.010 - Speed limits established—Generally (25 mph speed limit);
- S Hillhurst Road, Great Blue to south of Carty Road, reduce from 35 mph to 30 mph; and

WHEREAS, the existing Chapter 10.08 is being amended to designate these speed limit adjustments; and

WHEREAS, the Ridgefield City Council conducted a public hearing and the first reading of the proposed amendments to Title 10 during a regularly scheduled City Council meeting held on September 26, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Ridgefield City Council waived a second reading of this proposed ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Public Interest. The Ridgefield City Council finds it to be in the public interest to amend Chapter 10.08 regulating speed limits on city collectors and arterials.

Section 2. Ridgefield Municipal Code 10.08.010 Speed limits established—Generally, the following street segments are to be included with twenty-five miles per hour speed limits;

Union Ridge Parkway, north of Pioneer Street along Clark College building to a future extension to N 10th Street
S. 15th Street/S 35th Place/S. 10th Way/S 25th Place, west of S Royle Road to S 4th Way.

Section 3. 10.08.022 - Speed limits established—Twenty miles per hour is hereby amended as follows:

The speed limits on the following street segments shall be twenty miles per hour:

Bertsinger Road/S. 1st Way/S. 21st Place, a nonarterial street, Pioneer Street to S. 4th Way;
S. 4th Way, S 21st Place to S 25th Place.

Section 4. Ridgefield Municipal Code Section 10.08.024 - Speed limits established—Thirty-five miles per hour is hereby amended as follows:

The speed limits on the following street segments shall be thirty-five miles per hour:

Royle Road;
N. 65th Avenue;
N. 85th Avenue;
S. 65th Avenue;
S. Union Ridge Parkway;
S. 74th Place;
S. 10th Street;
S. 5th Street;
S. 85th Avenue;
~~S. Hillhurst Road—S. Great Blue Road to southerly city limits;~~
S. 11th Street, 5500 block (future Discovery Drive) to S Timm Rd.;
~~S. Wells Drive;~~
~~S. 15th Street;~~
~~S. 10th Way;~~

S. Royle Road;
N. 10th Street – N. 65th Avenue to N. 85th Avenue;
NW 229th Street - Hillhurst Road to a point approximately four hundred fifty feet west of S. 40th Place (Ridgefield City Limits);
Pioneer Street, east of 9th Avenue/Hillhurst to 65th Avenue;
Union Ridge Parkway, S 5th Street to Pioneer Street.

Section 5. Ridgefield Municipal Code Section 10.08.025 - Speed limits established— forty miles per hour is hereby amended as follows:

10.08.025 - Speed limits established—Forty miles per hour.
The speed limits on the following street segments shall be forty miles per hour:

~~State Highway 501—milepost 17.39 to 65th Avenue.~~

Section 6. A new section of Ridgefield Municipal Code Section 10.08.023 - Speed limits established—Thirty miles per hour is hereby established as follows:

The speed limits on the following street segments shall be thirty miles per hour:

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- S. Wells Drive, Royle Rd. to 5500 block (future Discovery Drive)
- S Hillhurst Road, Great Blue to south of Carty Road.

Section 7. Corrections. The City Clerk and the codifiers of this ordinance are authorized to make necessary clerical corrections to this ordinance including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener’s/clerical errors, references, roadway names, ordinance numbering, section/ subsection numbers and any references thereto.

Section 8. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or other portion of this Ordinance, or its application to or any other person or circumstance is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each section, subsection or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more of the other portions be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 9. Applicability. This ordinance shall be applied in the current city limits of the City of Ridgefield.

Section 10. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) calendar days after adoption and publication pursuant to law.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON THIS 10TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024.

Ron Onslow, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Julie Ferriss,
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Janean Parker, City Attorney

First Reading: September 26, 2024

Second Reading/Passage:

Date of Publication:

Effective Date: