

ORDINANCE NO. 690

AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Washington, amending Chapter 10.12 of the Lakewood Municipal Code related to temporarily reducing speed limits in certain zones.

WHEREAS, Chapter 10.12 of the City's code authorizes the City Manager or designee to establish speed limits on the basis of state law and traffic and engineering reports (RCW 46.61.415);

WHEREAS, in 2013, state law was amended to allow cities to reduce speeds without doing engineering reports, requiring however, the City to "develop procedures" before establishing such reduced speeds; and

WHEREAS, the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices defines a work zone as one particular kind of temporary traffic control zone. MUTCD Section 6C.02, Temporary Traffic Control Zone; and

WHEREAS, temporarily reducing speeds in certain areas, like work and construction zones, will enhance the safety of the workers and traveling public; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN as Follows:

Section 1. That Chapter 10.12 of the Lakewood Municipal Code is amended by adding:

10.12.025 Temporary decreases authorized.

The City Manager or designee is authorized to establish a maximum speed limit of twenty miles per hour on all streets or roads within the City when the City Manager or designee deem it unadvisable for vehicles to operate at the maximum speed limit allowed by state law due to temporary conditions, including, but not limited to, construction or repairs; identified excessive traffic periods; dangerous conditions; emergencies, whether manmade or natural disaster; or any other temporary cause. (RCW 46.61.415).

(a) A speed limit established under this section does not need to be determined on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation;

(b) When establishing a speed limit under this section, the City Manager or designee shall consult the manual on uniform traffic control devices as adopted by the Washington state department of transportation and shall ensure that adequate signage reflecting the reduced speed limits is maintained;

(c) Temporary controls will be removed when the City Manager or designee determines that conditions no longer warrant their continued use; and

(d) Alteration of maximum limits on state highways within the City shall not be effective until such alteration has been approved by the secretary of transportation.

Section 2. Severability. If any portion of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

Section 3. Effective Date. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after publication of the Ordinance Summary.


ADOPTED by the City Council this 16th day of July, 2018.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

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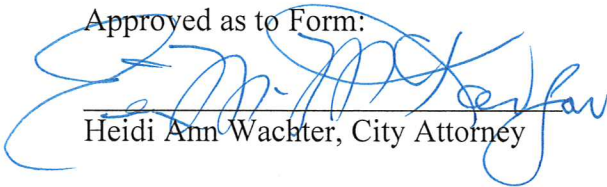


Don Anderson, Mayor



Briana Schumacher, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:



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