

Subject **Speed limit change**  
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I would like to have added to our next council meeting agenda an action/discussion item about the recent speed limit changes and misapplication of our construction standards/development code. I am attaching a copy of page 92 for your reference. According to our code the council can adjust speed limits, and all major collector should have speed limits set between 30 and 35 MPH and arterials should have speed limits set between 35 and 40 mph. I would have left this alone, but dropping the speed to 25 on Elk Ridge drive, Goosenest and a portion of Park Drive is not in harmony with our own code. This is just a piece of the equation as our capital facilities plan in built based on this , but if we are going to apply local road speed limits to our collectors then we need to fix out capital facilities plan, transportation plan or comply with our own code. I am recommending that the speed be put back to what it was previously and that we comply with the uniform traffic code and put yellow 15MPH signs going into the roundabout, we can take down the extra signs coming out of the roundabout and declutter the roadway and be done with this. I won't push for a higher speed on the northern end of Elk Ridge Drive it can remain at 30 now that it should be reclassified based in its narrower road width.

Thank you  
Nelson Abbott

## City of Elk Ridge Traffic Sign Standards

Adopted by City Council 13 June 2006

Street Name Signs Adopted 22 November 2005

### Stop Signs

**Four-Way Intersections;** All four-way intersections shall have stop signs controlling at least two legs of the intersection. The roadway with the least amount of traffic shall be stopped. The city engineer can require that all legs of the intersection have stop signs if an engineering study or the engineer's judgment warrants it.



**Three-Way Intersections;** All three-way intersections shall have stop signs controlling the non-through movement leg of the intersection. The city engineer can require that all legs of the intersection have stop signs if an engineering study or the engineer's judgment warrants it.

A yield sign can be placed at the non-through movement leg of a three-way intersection when the ability to see all potentially conflicting traffic is sufficient to allow a road user traveling at the posted speed or the 85th-percentile speed to pass through the intersection or to stop in a reasonably safe manner.

**Road Classification;** The Elk Ridge City Circulation Map shows four types of road classification; Arterial, Major Collector, Minor Collector, and Local. All roads of a lower classification intersecting a roadway of a higher classification shall have a stop sign placed on the lower classified road. Intersecting roads with the same classification shall have stop signs controlling at least two legs of the intersection. The roadway with the least amount of traffic shall be stopped. The city engineer can require that all legs of the intersection have stop signs if an engineering study or the engineer's judgment warrants it.

### Speed Limit Sign

**Local Roads;** A speed limit sign shall be placed on all Local Roads at the intersection of a higher classified road. A sign shall be placed 40 to 100 feet back from the intersection of the higher classified road preferably at a lot line.

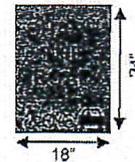


**Classified Roads;** A speed limit sign shall be placed on all Collector and Arterial Roads when any type of these roads intersects. All four legs of an intersection shall have signs. A sign shall be placed 40 to 100 feet back from the intersection preferably at a lot line.

**Speed Limits;** Speed Limits in Elk Ridge range between 25 and 40 mph. The City Council can adjust limits on streets to reflect local needs and conflicts. In general, speed limits should be set to protect the functionality of each road type. All local streets and Minor Collectors shall be posted as 25 MPH. Major Collectors should have speed limits set between 30 and 35 MPH. All Arterials should have speed limits set between 35 and 40 MPH.

### Share the Road Sign

**Local Roads;** A share The Road sign shall be placed on Local Roads that do not have sidewalks, at the intersection of a higher classified road on the same post as a Speed Limit sign, located under the Speed Limit sign.



**Collector / Arterial Roads;** A share The Road sign shall be placed on Collector and Arterial roads that do not have sidewalks, near parks, bus stops or areas pedestrians/bicyclists frequent.