ORDINANCE NO. 19-0545

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO SPEED LIMITS ON THE CITY'S STREETS AND HIGHWAYS, REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT FROM 35 MPH TO 25 MPH ON 24TH STREET EAST BETWEEN STATE ROUTE 161 (MERIDIAN AVENUE EAST) AND 122ND AVENUE EAST, AND DIRECTING THE TRAFFIC ENGINEER TO POST SIGNS REFLECTING THE NEW SPEED LIMITS ON THE AFFECTED STREETS, AMENDING EDGEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 10.10.020

WHEREAS, the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Section 46.61.400(2)(a) establishes a maximum lawful speed of twenty-five (25) miles per hour on city and town streets; and

WHEREAS, on January 12, 1999, the City Council for Edgewood adopted Ordinance 98-0124, establishing maximum lawful speed limits for vehicles using certain city streets, roads and highways as 35 and 40 miles per hour (as codified in EMC Section 10.10.020); and

WHEREAS, since the passing of said Ordinance, traffic volumes and speeds on certain arterial streets within the city have increased to the extent that the City Council now believes that the public health and safety require a reduction of the maximum speed limit for certain streets identified in EMC Section 10.10.020; and

WHEREAS, RCW 46.61.415 provides that the City is required to obtain an engineering and traffic study when the City determines that the maximum speed permitted under RCW 46.61.400 for city streets is greater or less than is reasonable and safe under the conditions found to exist;

WHEREAS, the maximum speed permitted in RCW 46.61.400 is 25 miles per hour on city streets; and

WHEREAS, the City’s decision to reduce the speed limit on certain streets from 35 mph to the maximum speed for city streets of 25 mph in RCW 46.61.400 is therefore consistent with RCW 46.61.415 and does not require a traffic study; and

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WHEREAS, since the passage of Ordinance 18-0519, the City Council now believes the speed limit along 24th Street East, east of Meridian Avenue East (State Route 161), shall be reduced in order to protect the public’s health and safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDGewood, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAin AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 10.10.020 of the Edgewood Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

10.10.020 Increasing state speed limit. Whenever conditions are found to exist upon an arterial street or highway which warrant an increase in the speed permitted by state law, the legislative authority of this City, subject to the approval of the State Highway Commission in cases involving state highways, shall determine and declare a reasonable and safe maximum speed limit for such arterial street or highway, or portion thereof, not to exceed 55 miles per hour. Pursuant to the foregoing authority, the following speed limits are established for the following streets and highways:

A. Twenty-Five Miles Per Hour (25 MPH). The speed limit on the following streets shall be established as 25 mph, consistent with RCW 46.61.400(2)(a). These streets are listed below to address the change in the speed limit from 35 MPH to 25 MPH as a result of this Ordinance:
1. 16th Street East from SR 161 (Meridian Avenue East) to 112th Avenue East;
2. 18th Street East from 112th Avenue East to 114th Avenue East;
3. 18th Street East from 114th Avenue East to 122nd Avenue East;
4. 24th Street East from SR 161 (Meridian Avenue East) to 122nd Avenue East;
5. 32nd Street East from SR 161 (Meridian Avenue East) to 114th Avenue East;
6. 32nd Street East from 114th Avenue East to 122nd Avenue East;
7. 36th Street East from SR 161 (Meridian Avenue East) to 114th Avenue East;
8. 36th Street East from 114th Avenue East to 122nd Avenue East;
9. 48th Street East from Chrisella Road East to 114th Avenue East;
10. 48th Street East from 114th Avenue East to 122nd Avenue East;
11. 48th Street East from 122nd Avenue East to 127th Avenue East / Edgewood Drive East;
12. 112th Avenue East from 16th Street East to 18th Street East;
13. 112th Avenue East from 18th Street East to 24th Street East;
14. 112th Avenue East from 24th Street East to 32nd Street East;
15. 112th Avenue East from 8th Street East to 18th Street East;
16. 114th Avenue East from 32nd Street East to 36th Street East;
17. 114th Avenue East from 36th Street East to 48th Street East;
18. Edgewood Drive East from 48th Street East / 127th Avenue East to Sumner Heights Drive East (5600 block); and
19. Sumner Heights Drive East from Edgewood Drive East (5800 block) to Sumner city limits.
B. Thirty-Five Miles Per Hour (35 MPH).
   1. 8th Street East from 114th Avenue East to 122nd Avenue East;
   2. 8th Street East from SR 161 (Meridian Avenue East) to 114th Avenue East;
   3. 20th Street East from 87th Avenue Court East to 92nd Avenue East;
   4. 24th Street East from 92nd Avenue East to SR 161 (Meridian Avenue East);
   5. 24th Street East from 112th Avenue East to 122nd Avenue East;
   6. 24th Street East from SR 161 (Meridian Avenue East) to 112th Avenue East;
   7. 92nd Avenue East from 20th Street East to 24th Street East;
   8. 114th Avenue East from 8th Street East to Jovita Boulevard East;
   9. 114th Avenue East from Jovita Boulevard East to King/Pierce County Line;
  10. 122nd Avenue East from 36th Street East to 48th Street East;
  11. 122nd Avenue East from 8th Street East to 18th Street East;
  12. 122nd Avenue East from 32nd Street East to 36th Street East;
  13. 122nd Avenue East from 24th Street East to 32nd Street East;
  14. 122nd Avenue East from 18th Street East to 24th Street East;
  15. Jovita Blvd East from 114th Avenue East to West Valley Hwy East;
  16. Jovita Blvd East from SR 161 (Meridian Avenue East) to 114th Avenue East;
  17. Meridian Avenue East from the King/Pierce County line south to the City limits.

Section 2. Enforcement. The City’s Traffic Engineer is hereby directed to post appropriate signage on City streets consistent with this ordinance immediately upon the effective date herein.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 4. Effective Date. A summary of this Ordinance consisting of its title shall be published in the official newspaper of the City, and shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after the date of publication.

ADMITTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON THE 9TH DAY OF APRIL, 2018

Daryl Eichinger, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rachel Pitzel, City Clerk
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney, Carol Morris

Date Published: April 11, 2019
Effective Date: April 16, 2019
Legend

- Interstate Highway
- Highway Ramp
- Limited Access State Highway
- Other State Highway
- Major Road
- Arterial
- Residential
- 25mph Arterials
- Proposed 25mph Arterials
- Water body
- Island
- Stream
- Piped Stream Sections
- Edgewood City Limits

1 inch = 2,000 feet

Note: All Arterial Roads (red lines) are posted 35 miles per hour, unless otherwise noted. All other roads are 25 miles per hour.

City of Edgewood

Posted Speed Limits