ORDINANCE NO. 20-0574

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
EDGECWOOD, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO
SPEED LIMITS ON THE CITY'S STREETS AND HIGHWAYS, REDUCING
THE SPEED LIMIT FROM 35 MPH TO 25 MPH ON 114TH AVENUE EAST
BETWEEN 8TH STREET EAST AND THE KING / PIERCE COUNTY LINE,
AND DIRECTING THE TRAFFIC ENGINEER TO POST SIGNS
REFLECTING THE NEW SPEED LIMITS ON THE AFFECTED
STREETS; AMENDING EDGECWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION
10.10.020; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.

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 requires the City 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; and

WHEREAS, the default 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 default 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
WHEREAS, since the passage of Ordinances 18-0519 and 19-0545, the City Council now believes the speed limit along 114th Avenue East, north of 8th Street East, 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. Speed Limit Established. 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).
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. 114th Avenue East from Jovita Boulevard East to King/Pierce County Line;
16. 114th Avenue East from 8th Street East to Jovita Boulevard East;
17. 114th Avenue East from 8th Street East to 18th Street East;
18. 114th Avenue East from 32nd Street East to 36th Street East;
19. 114th Avenue East from 36th Street East to 48th Street East;
20. Edgewood Drive East from 48th Street East / 127th Avenue East to Sumner Heights Drive East (5600 block); and
21. 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. 92nd Avenue East from 20th Street East to 24th Street East;
6. 114th Avenue East from 8th Street East to Jovita Boulevard East;
7. 114th Avenue East from Jovita Boulevard East to King/Pierce County Line;
8. 122nd Avenue East from 36th Street East to 48th Street East;
9. 122nd Avenue East from 8th Street East to 18th Street East;
10. 122nd Avenue East from 32nd Street East to 36th Street East;
11. 122nd Avenue East from 24th Street East to 32nd Street East;
12. 122nd Avenue East from 18th Street East to 24th Street East;
13. Jovita Blvd East from 114th Avenue East to West Valley Hwy East;
14. Jovita Blvd East from SR 161 (Meridian Avenue East) to 114th Avenue East;
15. 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 publication, as provided by law. The full text of this Ordinance shall be mailed without charge, upon request.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON THE 25TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2020

Mayor Daryl Eidsvig

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Rachel Pitzel, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Interim City Attorney, Ann Marie J. Soto