

CITY OF FIFE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 1967

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIFE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, REVISING THE WEIGHT LIMITS ON PARTS OF FREEMAN ROAD EAST, AND 26TH STREET EAST, AND REVISING THE SPEED LIMIT ON A PORTION OF FREEMAN ROAD EAST

WHEREAS, the City of Fife has the authority under RCW 46.44.080 and RCW 47.48.010 to close or restrict traffic on any city street to any class of vehicles on certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, the City has authority under RCW 46.61.415 to increase speed limits on a city street above the general 25 miles per hour limit set forth in RCW 46.61.400, when it determines that 25 miles per hour is less than is reasonable and safe under the conditions found to exist upon such street; and

WHEREAS, the City also has the authority under Article XI, Section 11 of the State Constitution to regulate its city streets in the interests of public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, based on the findings set forth below, the City Council deems that allowing trucks having a gross vehicle weight rating (G.V.W.R.) in excess of 10,000 pounds on certain segments of Freeman Road East, and 26th Street East, is appropriate, and that increasing the speed limit on a certain segment of Freeman Road East to 35 miles per hour is reasonable and safe; now therefore

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIFE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Based on the records and information before it, the Council finds and concludes as follows:

1. Freeman Road East from the north city limits to Valley Avenue East, and 26th Street East from 70th Avenue East to the east city limits, have all been recently improved to city standards that make them suitable for heavy use by trucks having a G.V.W.R. in excess of 10,000 pounds.
2. Each of these segments is located in an area of heavy truck use for local access, and it is appropriate and in the public interest to allow all truck traffic on these segments.

3. Freeman Road East from 26th Street East to Valley Avenue East was designed and improved to State and City engineering standards to accommodate a 40 miles per hour speed limit.

4. A 35 miles per hour speed limit on the straight segment of Freeman Road East from the north line of Section 17, Township 20 North, Range 4 East, W.M., to Valley Avenue East is reasonable and safe.

Section 2. Section 10.12.040 of the Fife Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

10.12.040 Speed limits designated on certain streets.

The speeds on the following streets shall be set as follows:

Name of Street	Speed Limit
Berry Lane	20 mph
Circle Drive	20 mph
Dale Lane	20 mph
David Court Place East	20 mph
Frank Albert Road from 20th Street East to the south side of Industry Drive	35 mph
Frank Albert Road from the south side of Industry Drive to North Levee Road	30 mph
Freeman Road East from the north line of Section 17, Township 20 North, Range 4 East, Willamette Meridian, to Valley Avenue East	35 mph
Goldau Road	20 mph
Harry Smith Road	20 mph
Holm Drive	20 mph
Holm Lane	20 mph
Industry Drive	35 mph
North Levee Road East from the east corporate limits of the city to 54th Avenue	35 mph
Pacific Highway East (Old U.S. Highway 99)	35 mph
Taylor Way	35 mph

Name of Street	Speed Limit
Valley Avenue from the east corporate limits of the city to 70th Avenue East	35 mph
Valley Avenue from 70th Avenue East to intersection of 54th Avenue East	30 mph
Willow Road East	20 mph
Wilton Lane	20 mph
12th Street East from 54th Avenue East to the east corporate limits of the city	35 mph
15th Street East	20 mph
16th Street East	20 mph
18th Street East	20 mph
20th Street East	35 mph
26th Avenue East	20 mph
26th Street East	20 mph
27th Street East	20 mph
28th Street East	20 mph
29th Avenue East	20 mph
44th Avenue East	20 mph
46th Avenue East	20 mph
47th Avenue East	20 mph
49th Avenue East	10 mph
52nd Avenue East	20 mph
53rd Avenue East	20 mph
54th Avenue East from the railroad crossing south to the North Levee Road	30 mph
54th Avenue East from the railroad track north to Valley Avenue East	30 mph
54th Avenue East from the intersection of Valley Avenue East north to the intersection of 54th Avenue East and Pacific Highway East (Old U.S. Highway 99) including the 54th Avenue	30 mph

Name of Street	Speed Limit
East Overpass from the Station 0.00 to 0.18 (from the north line of 20th Street East)	
54th Avenue East, north of the intersection of 54th Avenue East and Pacific Highway East (Old U.S. Highway 99) north to the intersection of 54th Avenue East and Taylor Way	35 mph
54th Avenue East Extension from the intersection of 54th Avenue East and Taylor Way north to the north city limits	20 mph
56th Avenue East	20 mph
62nd Avenue East from 18th Street East to 20th Street East	20 mph
62nd Avenue East from 20th Street East to Valley Avenue East	30 mph
63rd Avenue East	20 mph
70th Avenue East	35 mph

Section 3. Section 10.44.010 of the Fife Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

10.44.010 Established – Exceptions.

All through traffic by motor trucks, with or without trailers, having a licensed gross vehicle weight rating (G.V.W.R.) in excess of 10,000 pounds is prohibited on any and all streets or alleys within the city with the exception of:

- A. Pacific Highway East;
- B. 20th Street East from 54th Avenue East to 20th Street Drive;
- C. 54th Avenue East from 20th Street East to the north city limits;
- D. Valley Avenue East from 82nd Avenue East (Freeman Road) to 70th Avenue East;
- E. 20th Street Drive;
- F. Alexander Avenue East north of Pacific Highway East, southbound at all hours and northbound between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.;
- G. Industry Drive;
- H. Port of Tacoma Road;
- I. Frank Albert Road;
- J. 70th Avenue East;
- K. North Levee Road east of the west edge of 66th Avenue East (Milroy Bridge);
- L. North Levee Road west of 66th Avenue East (Milroy Bridge): the weight limit is 26,000 pounds licensed gross vehicle weight rating (G.V.W.R.);
- M. 20th Street East from 54th Avenue East to 70th Avenue East: the weight limit is 14,000 pounds licensed gross vehicle weight rating (G.V.W.R.);
- N. Valley Avenue East from 70th Avenue East to 54th Avenue East: the weight limit is 14,000 pounds licensed gross vehicle weight rating (G.V.W.R.);
- O. 54th Avenue East from Valley Avenue East to 20th Street East: the weight limit is 14,000 pounds licensed gross vehicle weight rating (G.V.W.R.);
- P. 20th Street East from 70th Avenue East to the east city limits;
- Q. Freeman Road East from the north city limits to Valley Avenue East; and
- R. 26th Street East from 70th Avenue East to the east city limits.

Section 4. The Public Works Director is hereby authorized and directed to promptly cause notice of the traffic revisions specified in this ordinance, and to promptly erect or cause to be erected signs designating the revisions specified in this ordinance at appropriate locations. The revisions specified in this ordinance shall not be effective until such signs have been erected.

Section 5. Each and every provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed severable. In the event that any portion of this Ordinance is determined by final order of a court of competent jurisdiction to be void or unenforceable, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions thereof, provided the intent of this Ordinance can still be furthered without the invalid provision.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days after publication as required by law. A summary of this Ordinance may be published in lieu of the entire Ordinance, as authorized by State law.

Introduced the 10 day of October, 2017.


Passed by the City Council on the 24 day of October, 2017.


Hyun Kim, City Manager

ATTEST:


Angela Woods, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Loren D. Combs, City Attorney
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