

**ORDINANCE NO. 1354**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KALAMA, WASHINGTON AMENDING KALAMA MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 10.04 VEHICLE CODE TO ADDRESS SPEED LIMITS AND ASSOCIATED SAFETY ISSUES**

**WHEREAS**, the Kalama Police Department has received citizen concerns regarding the speed limits in certain areas of the city;

**WHEREAS**, the Kalama Police Department has responded to accidents causing injuries and damages which has raised concerns for the safety of the drivers and pedestrians in certain areas of the city;

**WHEREAS**, the Kalama City Council has received recommendations from the Police Department that certain code changes be made to address the speed limits and the safety issues;

**NOW THEREFORE the City Council of the City of Kalama do ordain:**

**Section 1.** Kalama Municipal Code Chapter 10.04.040 is amended to read as follows:

**10.04.040 - Operators to exercise due care—Speed limits designated.**

A. Every person operating or driving a vehicle of any character upon the public streets of the city shall operate the same in a careful and prudent manner and at a rate of speed no greater than is reasonable and proper under the conditions existing at the time and place of operation, taking into account the amount and character of the traffic, weight of vehicle, grade and width of highway, condition of surface and freedom of obstruction to view ahead and consistent with any and all conditions existing at the point of operation so as not to unduly or unreasonably endanger the life, limb, property or other rights of any person entitled to use of such public highways.

B. Subject to the greater limitation required by subsection A of this section, it is unlawful for the operator of any motor vehicle to operate the same at a speed in excess of twenty-five miles per hour upon the streets of the city, other than school zones. It is further unlawful for the operator of any motor vehicle to operate the same upon the state highways and state frontage roads within the city limits at a speed in excess of that established and fixed by the Washington State Highway Commission. Provided, further subject to the provisions of RCW 10.04.040(A) and 10.04.050, it is

unlawful for the operator of any motor vehicle to operate the same at a speed in excess of ~~the specified limits~~ ~~thirty-five miles per hour~~ in the following locations:

1. **35 mph** along China Garden Road as follows: from the point where China Garden Road is crossed by the west line of the southeast one-quarter of the northeast one-quarter of section 17, Township 6 North, Range 1 West of the Willamette Meridian to the point where China Garden Road is crossed by the south line of the southwest one-quarter of the northwest one-quarter of Section 16, Township 6 North, Range 1 West of the Willamette Meridian, **(from the Tenth Street intersection, east to the city limits);**

2. **35 mph** along Old Pacific Highway South (AKA South First Street) as follows: from a point where a line running north 57°00'004" east from the northeast corner of Tax Lot T-4-D of the Jacob Ahles DLC crosses Old Pacific Highway South to a point where the east line of the Jacob Ahles DLC crosses Old Pacific Highway South;

3. **35 mph** along Cloverdale Road within city limits;

~~4. Along East Frontage Road from Kingwood Street, North to Oak Street; a 35 mph speed limit on China Garden Road from Tenth Street, East to the city limits; and 50 mph on West Frontage Road from Elm Street, North to the intersection with Oak Street;~~

4. **35 mph along** that portion of Meeker Drive north from the southwest corner of parcel no. 61378 across Meeker Drive to the southwest corner of parcel no. 613530200 in Section 8, Township 6 North, Range 1 West of the Willamette Meridian to the ~~north city limits line.~~ **intersection of Kalama River Road;**

5. **35 mph** along that portion of Kalama River Road within the city limits;

6. **40 mph** along Old Pacific Highway north of Kalama River Road to the north city limits;

7. **45 mph** on East Frontage Road from the southernmost entrance of Maruhn Park north to the intersection with Oak Street;

8. **50 mph** on West Frontage Road from Elm Street, north to the intersection with Oak Street.

C. Compliance with the foregoing speed limits shall not relieve the operator of any vehicle from the further exercise of due care and caution as further circumstances may require.

**Section 2.** Severability. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts of this ordinance.

**Section 3.** This ordinance shall become effective five days after passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the City Council of the City of Kalama at a regular meeting held on the 4th day of February, 2015

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Mayor Pete Poulsen

Attest:

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Coni McMaster, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_

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