

RAVALLI COUNTY ORDINANCE # 27

SPEED LIMIT FOR WEST FORK ROAD, CONNER, MONTANA

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish a speed limit for West Fork Road, Conner, Montana to promote the health and safety of motorists, other roadway users and area residents.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Ravalli County Road and Bridge Department conducted a traffic speed study on West Fork Road, from Reference Point 21 to Reference Point 14.5, south of Nez Perce Road, between September 29, 2009 and October 07, 2009, which determined that 55 / 60 miles-per-hour constituted approximately the 85th percentile of the sampled traffic, and

WHEREAS, the Road & Bridge Department's analysis indicates that a 35 miles-per-hour speed limit is appropriate and safe from Reference Point 21 to approximately Reference Point 20.7; and

WHEREAS, the Road & Bridge Department's analysis indicates that a 55 miles-per-hour speed limit is appropriate and safe from approximately Reference Point 20.7 to Reference Point 14.5; and

WHEREAS, Sections 7-14-2113 and 61-8-310, MCA allow boards of county commissioners to establish speed limits on any county road, subject to certain parameters;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RAVALLI COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. SPEED LIMIT ESTABLISHED

A regulatory speed limit of 35 miles-per-hour shall be established for West Fork Road from Reference Point 21 to approximately Reference Point 20.7, and 55 miles-per-hour from approximately Reference Point 20.7 to Reference Point 14.5, in Conner, Ravalli County, Montana.

SECTION 2. SPEED LIMIT SIGNS

Upon receiving notice of the regulatory speed limit established by this Ordinance, and after the passage of at least thirty days from the date this Ordinance is adopted, the Road and Bridge Department shall erect the appropriate signs giving drivers notice of the regulatory speed limit established by this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. PENALTY

Penalty for violation of this Ordinance or any provision thereof shall be enforced according to Title 61, Chapter 8, MCA, or any other applicable state or local law.

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SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY

If any part of this Ordinance is held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other parts which can be given effect without the invalid part. To this end, provisions of this Ordinance are to be severable.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be effective at the later of thirty days from the adoption of this Ordinance or upon the posting of appropriate signs giving notice of the regulatory speed limit on the affected roadway or portion thereof.

SECTION 6. DURATION

This Ordinance shall remain in effect until repealed or suspended by other legislative or judicial action.

SECTION 7. REPEAL RESOLUTION 704 IN PART

The part (if any) of Ravalli County Resolution 704 applicable to the West Fork Road between Reference Point 21 and Reference Point 14.5 (Nez Perce Road) is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. CODIFICATION

If Ravalli County adopts a Ravalli County Code, the speed limit described in this Ordinance shall be listed referencing the purpose and findings in this Ordinance.

APPROVED AND INITIALLY ADOPTED AT FIRST READING THIS 10th DAY OF August, 2011.

J R Iman
J.R. Iman, Chairman

Greg Chilcott
Greg Chilcott, Vice-Chairman

Matt Kanenwisher
Matt Kanenwisher, Member

Suzy Foss
Suzy Foss, Member

Ron Stoltz
Ron Stoltz, Member

Regina Platterberg
Attest: Clerk & Recorder

By: Gisa L Bennett Deputy



APPROVED AND ADOPTED AT SECOND READING THIS 24th DAY OF August, 2011.

J.R. Iman
J.R. Iman, Chairman

Greg Chilcott
Greg Chilcott, Vice-Chairman

Absent
Matt Kanenwisher, Member

Suzy Foss
Suzy Foss, Member

Ron Stoltz
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