

RESOLUTION NUMBER 829

(Was adopted as Resolution 828 by mistake)

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KETCHUM, IDAHO, DECLARING A SPEED LIMIT OF THIRTY-FIVE MILES PER HOUR (35 MPH) ON HIGHWAY 75 FROM THE SOUTHERN BOUNDRY OF KETCHUM CITY LIMITS NORTH TO THE AREA CURRENTLY POSTED AT TWENTY FIVE MILES PER HOUR (25MPH) PURSUANT TO IDAHO CODE §49-207 AND KETCHUM ORDINANCE 895.

WHEREAS, Chapter 10.06 of the Ketchum City Code authorizes the City Council to modify its city speed limits by resolution;

WHEREAS, Idaho Code § 49-207 authorizes the City of Ketchum to determine and declare a reasonable and safe maximum speed limit less than the state maximum for portions of state highways within a residential, business or urban district pursuant to certain procedures;

WHEREAS, the City of Ketchum requested a speed survey from the Idaho Transportation Department for that area located from the most southern border of the City of Ketchum to the twenty-five miles per hour (25 mph) speed break to the north;

WHEREAS, the Idaho Department of Transportation submitted a speed survey conducted in 1997 and again in 1999 for the above referenced area that determined that forty-five miles per hour (45mph) was appropriate using the "eight-five percentile" rule;

WHEREAS, the City Council took public comment at a regularly scheduled meeting on the issue of whether to change the current speed limit for the above referenced area;

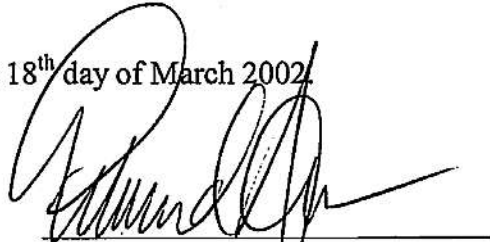
WHEREAS, the City Council concluded that the current speed limit of forty-five miles per hour (45mph) for the area should be reduced to thirty-five miles per hour (35 mph) due to the high number of residential houses with access directly onto Highway 75, the fact that there is a commercial convenience store and gas station, and the fact that there has been numerous accidents in the area.

WHEREAS, the City Council agreed with the Chief of Police that because of the Elkhorn/Highway 75 traffic light and the merging of two lanes into one to the north of the traffic light that transitional speed limit signs should be posted south of Elkhorn road and that the thirty-five miles per hour (35 mph) speed limit should begin just prior to the Elkhorn traffic light.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Mayor and the City Council hereby determine that the maximum speed limit for Highway 75 from the southern most boundary of the City of Ketchum to the twenty-five miles per hour (25 mph) speed break to the north be reduced from forty-five miles per hour (45 mph) to a reasonable and safe maximum limit of thirty-five miles per hour (35 mph) and direct the Chief of Police to take all necessary steps to post the new limit according to Idaho Code § 49-207.
2. That the City shall provide a copy of this Resolution with written notification to the District 4 office of the Idaho Transportation Department prior to implementing the change in speed limit and shall provide the department with thirty (30) days from the receipt of the written notice to assist the implementation of the new speed limit.


Passed by the City Council and signed by the Mayor this 18th day of March 2002



Edward Simon, Mayor



Attest:



Sandra E. Cady, CMC, City Clerk

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