

Submitted by: Assemblymember SHAMBERG

Prepared by: Department of Assembly

For reading: September 27, 2005

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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

No. AO 2005-128

AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 9.26.020, SETTING A MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT ON UNPAVED ROADS

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

Section 1: That Anchorage Municipal Code section 9.26.020 is amended to read as follows:

9.26.020 Maximum limits designated.

Except when a special hazard exists that requires lower speed for compliance with Section 9.26.010, the limits specified in this section or established as authorized in this chapter shall be maximum lawful speeds, and no person may drive a vehicle at a speed in excess of such maximum speed limits:

- A. Fifteen miles per hour in any alley or public parking lot.
- B. Not more than 25 miles per hour on paved streets of less than 600 feet in total length, if determined to be warranted by the traffic engineer.
- C. Twenty-five miles per hour on all streets except as otherwise posted by the traffic engineer or the State of Alaska.
- D. Not more than fifteen miles per hour on any unpaved street except as otherwise posted by the traffic engineer or the State of Alaska.

Section 2: That this ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval by the Anchorage Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of _____, 2005.

Chair

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
Summary of Economic Effects -- General Government

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Sponsor: Assemblymember

Preparing Agency: Department of Assembly

Others Impacted:

CHANGES IN EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES:	(In Thousands of Dollars)				
	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10
Operating Expenditures					
1000 Personal Services	\$ 7				
2000 Non-Labor	88				
3900 Contributions					
4000 Debt Service					
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS:	\$ 94	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Add: 6000 Charges from Others					
Less: 7000 Charges to Others					
FUNCTION COST:	\$ 94	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
REVENUES:					
CAPITAL:					
POSITIONS: FT/PT and Temp					

PUBLIC SECTOR ECONOMIC EFFECTS:

According to Public Works, a speed limit adjustment would require speed limit sign change outs on unpaved streets. Traffic Engineering supplied an average cost of manufacturing and replacing an existing sign is approximately \$175 per sign on an undeterminable number of signs. The cost would be higher for a brand new sign requiring a post installation. There would also be additional labor costs for research and identification by the Safety Section engineers and technicians before the sign replacement could be implemented by the Paint & Sign Shop. According to Public Works, Because Title 9 states 25 miles per hour unless posted, every unpaved street would need to be posted and perhaps more in order for a the magistrate to be willing to uphold tickets. Public Works does not have a list of the number of unpaved roads and cannot provide how many will be required, at this time. Budget constraints prevent research into this matter.

PRIVATE SECTOR ECONOMIC EFFECTS:

There is no perceived economic effect on the private sector. The ordinance is designed to promote safety.

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MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

No. AM 672-2005

Meeting Date: September 27, 2005

1 **From:** Assemblymember Shamberg
2 **Subject:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY AMENDING
3 ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 9.26.020, SETTING A
4 MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT ON UNPAVED ROADS
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7 AO 2005-128 proposes to reduce the speed limit on all unpaved roads in the
8 Municipality of Anchorage. Many of these unpaved roads were not built to current
9 design standards. This is especially true in the Hillside area. These roads may be
10 steep, narrow, have sharp turns, or a combination of all of these characteristics.
11 Shoulders may be small or non-existent. Stopping distance for a car or truck is also
12 longer on unpaved roads than it is on pavement.
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14 Under current code, these roads have a speed limit of twenty-five miles per hour even
15 though it is unsafe to drive at that speed under even the best conditions. This proposed
16 change would reduce the speed limit on all such roads unless the traffic engineer
17 determines that a higher speed limit is appropriate.
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19 A lower limit on these roads will improve traffic safety and have the added benefit of
20 reducing the amount of dust in the air during the summer caused when cars and trucks
21 travel on these roads at higher speeds. This will improve air quality throughout
22 Anchorage. This change will also avoid the potential legal liability to the Municipality of
23 allowing a speed limit higher than the known safe maximum speed.
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27 Reviewed By: Elvi Gray-Jackson, Director of Assembly Budget and Legislative Services
28 Submitted By: Assemblymember Shamberg

Municipality of Anchorage
MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE
Agenda Document Control Sheet

AO 2005-128

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1	SUBJECT OF AGENDA DOCUMENT		DATE PREPARED
	AMEND AMC 9.26.020 - SETTING A MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT ON UNPAVED ROADS		09/14/05
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AO <input type="checkbox"/> AR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> AIM	
2	DEPARTMENT NAME	DIRECTOR'S NAME	
	Assembly	Anna Fairclough, Chair	
3	THE PERSON THE DOCUMENT WAS ACTUALLY PREPARED BY		HIS/HER PHONE NUMBER
4	COORDINATED WITH AND REVIEWED BY	INITIALS	DATE
	Mayor		
	Heritage Land Bank		
	Merrill Field Airport		
	Municipal Light & Power		
	Port of Anchorage		
	Solid Waste Services		
	Water & Wastewater Utility		
	Municipal Manager		
	Cultural & Recreational Services		
	Employee Relations		
	Finance, Chief Fiscal Officer		
	Fire		
	Health & Human Services		
	Office of Management and Budget		
	Management Information Services		
	Police		
	Planning, Development & Public Works		
	Development Services		
	Facility Management		
	Planning		
	Project Management & Engineering		
	Street Maintenance		
	Traffic		
	Public Transportation Department		
	Purchasing		
	Municipal Attorney		
	Municipal Clerk		
	Other		
5	Special Instructions/Comments		
	CONSENT AGENDA - INTRODUCTION		
6	ASSEMBLY HEARING DATE REQUESTED	7	PUBLIC HEARING DATE REQUESTED
	9/27/05		10/11/05

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