AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAMMAMISH, WASHINGTON, ESTABLISHING THE SPEED LIMITS OF THE CITY'S ROADWAYS, STREETS, AND HIGHWAYS, BY ADOPTING THE STATE TRAFFIC LAWS REGULATING SPEED OF VEHICLES, AND BY ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS OF STREETS THAT ARE TO BE CONSIDERED EXCEPTIONS TO THE STATE LAWS; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Sammamish has determined that there should be regulation of the speed of vehicles using the City's roadways, streets, and highways; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is in the interest of the public health, safety, and welfare;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAMMAMISH, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. State Speed Laws Applicable - Exceptions. The state traffic laws regulating the speed of vehicles at 25 mph shall be applicable upon all streets within the City, except that the legislative authority of the City, as authorized by state law, may declare and determine by order, rule, or regulation, properly adopted, that certain increased or decreased speed regulations shall be applicable upon specified streets or in certain areas, in which event it is unlawful for any person to operate a vehicle at a speed in excess of the speed so established when proper signs are in place giving notice thereof.

Section 2. Increasing State Speed Limit. Whenever conditions are found to exist upon an arterial street or highway which warrant an increase in the speed permitted by state law, the legislative authority of this City, subject to the approval of the State Highway Commission in cases involving state highways, shall determine and declare a reasonable and safe maximum speed limit for such arterial street or highway, or portion thereof, not to exceed 55 miles per hour.

Section 3. Decreasing State Speed Limit. Whenever it is deemed inadvisable for vehicles to operate at the maximum speed allowed by state law at 25 mph on any portion of a street or public highway on account of a sharp curvature, highway construction or repairs, excessive traffic, any dangerous condition, or other temporary or permanent cause, the legislative authority of the City, subject to the approval of the State Highway Commission in cases involving state highways, shall determine and fix a lower maximum speed or otherwise regulate a lesser speed; provided, that in no case shall the maximum speed be reduced to less than 20 miles per hour.

Section 4. Former Speed Limits Retained. The maximum speed limits for certain streets
established by King County pursuant to KCC 46.04.040, KCC 46.04.050, and as otherwise established by King County ordinances and for which speed limit signs have been duly posted by King County, are hereby adopted as the speed limits on those said streets in the City of Sammamish, unless the City Manager, or designee of the City Council, shall establish otherwise pursuant to this Ordinance or other law.

Section 5. Severability. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or should any portion of this Ordinance be pre-empted by state or federal law or regulation, such decision or pre-emption shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 6. Effective Date. A summary of this Ordinance consisting of its title shall be published in the official newspaper of the City. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force on August 31, 1999.


CITY OF SAMMAMISH

Mayor Phil Dyer

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Ruth Muller, Interim City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Bruce L. Disend, City Attorney

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