

ORDINANCE NO. **5292**

AN ORDINANCE adopting the Washington Model Traffic Ordinance and other traffic statutes to regulate traffic on the highways of the County of King and repealing Ordinance No. 1100 as amended, and KCC Chapters 46.01 through 46.98 and 47.36 through 47.52 and all other ordinances and sections of ordinances in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 1100; as amended, and KCC Chapters 46.01 through 46.98 and 47.36 through 47.52 are hereby repealed.

NEW SECTION. SECTION 2. The "Washington Model Traffic Ordinance," Chapter 46.90 RCW, hereinafter referred to as the "MTO", and RCW 10.31.100 are hereby adopted by reference as and for the traffic ordinance of this County as if set forth in full herein except as provided in Section 3.

SECTION 3. The following sections of the MTO are not adopted by reference and are expressly deleted: RCW 46.90.250; 46.90.500 through 46.90.540; 46.90.560 and 46.90.565.

NEW SECTION. SECTION 4. Unclaimed bicycles. All unclaimed bicycles in the custody of the police department shall be disposed of as provided in Chapter 63.40 RCW.

NEW SECTION. SECTION 5. Speed Limit revisions.

A. The Director of the Department of Public Works and Transportation is empowered to revise existing speed limits on all streets and roads within this county as authorized by state law; provided, that such speed limit revisions shall not exceed ten miles per hour; provided further, that any determination of the proper numerical value for a speed zone will be based upon the following engineering and traffic investigation factors:

- 1. Road surface characteristics, shoulder conditions, grade, alignment and sight distance;

- 1 2. The eighty-five percentile speed and pace speed;
- 2 3. Roadside development and culture, and roadside friction;
- 3 4. Safe speed for curves or hazardous locations within the
- 4 zone;
- 5 5. Parking practices and pedestrian activity;
- 6 6. Reported accident experience for a recent twelve-month
- 7 period.

8 B. Action of the director of the Department of Public Works  
9 and Transportation in any speed limit revisions may be appealed  
10 by a person to the King County council provided the appeal is filed  
11 in writing within thirty calendar days from the date of posting of  
12 speed zone.

13 NEW SECTION. SECTION 6. Decrease of state law  
14 maximum speed. It is determined upon the basis of an engineering  
15 and traffic investigation that the speed permitted by state law on  
16 county roads is greater than is reasonable or safe under the  
17 conditions found to exist upon the following roads, and it is  
18 declared that the speed limit shall be as set forth in this section  
19 on those streets or parts of streets designated in this section at  
20 the times specified in this section.

21 A. No person shall operate a motor vehicle upon any county  
22 road within a residence district, as defined in Section 46.04.470,  
23 in excess of twenty-five miles per hour.

24 B. No person shall operate a motor vehicle upon any county  
25 road in King County within a business district, as defined in  
26 Section 46.04.080, in excess of twenty-five miles per hour.

27 C. No person shall operate a motor vehicle upon the county  
28 roads designated in Schedule 1 in excess of twenty-five miles per  
29 hour, when signs are erected giving notice thereof.

30 D. No person shall operate a motor vehicle upon the county  
31 roads designated in Schedule 2 in excess of thirty miles per hour,  
32 when signs are erected giving notice thereof.

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1 E. No person shall operate a motor vehicle upon the county  
2 roads designated in Schedule 3 in excess of thirty-five miles per  
3 hour, when signs are erected giving notice thereof.

4 F. No person shall operate a motor vehicle upon the county  
5 roads designated in Schedule 4 in excess of forty miles per hour,  
6 when signs are erected giving notice thereof.

7 G. No person shall operate a motor vehicle upon the county  
8 roads designated in Schedule 5 in excess of forty-five miles per  
9 hour, when signs are erected giving notice thereof.

10 H. No person shall operate a motor vehicle in the county  
11 parks designated in Schedule 6 in excess of the limit prescribed  
12 therein, when signs are erected giving notice thereof.

13 I. No person shall operate a motor vehicle other than in  
14 the indicated direction upon those county roads and parts of roads  
15 and alleys designated in Schedule 10, when signs are erected giving  
16 notice thereof.

17 J. No person shall operate a motor vehicle upon the county  
18 roads designated in Schedule 24 in excess of fifty miles per hour,  
19 when signs are erected giving notice thereof.

20 NEW SECTION. SECTION 7. When signs are erected  
21 in each block giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle:

22 A. At any time upon any of the streets or portions thereof  
23 described in Schedule 14 of this traffic code.

24 B. Between the hours specified in Schedule 15 of any day  
25 except as provided within the district or upon any of the streets  
26 described in said schedule.

27 C. Or stop or stand a vehicle between the hours specified  
28 in Schedule 16 of any day except as provided in said schedule  
29 within the district or upon any of the streets described in said  
30 schedule.

31 D. For a period of time longer than specified in Schedule  
32 17 upon any of the streets or parts of streets specified in said  
33 Schedule.

