



Marion County Voters' Pamphlet Explanatory Statement (MCVP-05)

Marion County Clerk

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Filing Information:

Measure No. _____ Election Date: May 19, 2026

Explanatory Statement:

There are two types of speed limits in Oregon: statutory speed limits and designated speed limits.

A statutory speed limit is specifically described in state law. Examples include:

- 15 mph - Alleys.
- 20 mph - Business districts and school zones.
- 25 mph - Residential districts.
- 65 mph - Most interstate highway sections.

Speed limits are posted to inform motorists of appropriate driving speeds under favorable conditions. Posted speeds also provide the legal basis for adjudication and fines for violations of the law.

In 2023, Oregon House Bill 2095, expanded the authority of cities to set designated speed limits for certain residential roadways to a speed that is up to 10 miles per hour lower than statutory speed, but not less than 20 miles per hour, when the following criteria are met:

- The roadway is located in a residence district.
- The roadway is not an arterial highway.
- The designated speed is effective when appropriate signs giving notice of the designated speed are posted on the roadway where the designated speed is imposed.

Use of a 20-mph speed limit in residential areas meeting the criteria above can be implemented by the City Council, without the review and oversight of ODOT.

The Woodburn City Council set a 2025/26 goal to "develop and implement a strategy to improve traffic safety and reduce neighborhood speeding." Prior to adopting any ordinance that would lower speed limits on eligible roadways in residential areas of Woodburn, the City Council desires to understand voter attitudes on the question first.

An "advisory question" of this nature is a non-binding referral that does not on its own directly change legislation within the City, but provides voter input for the Council's consideration.

Should the City Council undertake a process to implement reduced speed limits in residential districts, speed limits signs would likely be replaced through the street fund budget and regular maintenance planning process neighborhood-by-neighborhood and over a number of years. Additionally, as part of any future implementation, currently designated minor arterial, service collector, and access street roadways would maintain their current designated speeds of either 25 mph or 35 mph.

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