

ORDINANCE NO. 31-2012

Offered by All of Council

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 333.03(b) OF THE TRAFFIC CODE TO ESTABLISH A SPEED LIMIT FOR TOWNSEND ROAD

WHEREAS, the Summit County Engineer has conducted a speed study of Townsend Road, which road currently has no posted speed limit along a 1.26 mile section of Townsend Road from the Village of Richfield corporation limit to the Cuyahoga County line, but has a legal speed limit of 55 miles per hour along all Township portions of the road; and

WHEREAS, Summit County has submitted its study to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) requesting the establishment of a 45 mile per hour speed zone along the 1.26 mile section of Townsend Road from the Village of Richfield corporation limit to the Cuyahoga County line; and

WHEREAS, ODOT has approved the 45 mile per hour speed limit for the 1.26-mile section of Townsend Road identified above but ODOT's approval cannot be processed until the Village also approves the new speed limit since approximately 0.32-miles of the 1.26-mile segment is split between the Township and the Village; and

WHEREAS, this Council believes it is in the best interest of the Village to approve the 45 mile per hour speed limit on Townsend Road for the reasons set forth in the County's study and, to do so, must amend the Village's Traffic Code as required by R.C. 4511.21(J) and C.O. 333.03(a).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Richfield, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Section 333.03(b) of the Traffic Code be amended to read as follows:

“333.03 MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS; ASSURED CLEAR DISTANCE AHEAD.

(b) It is prima-facie lawful, in the absence of a lower limit declared pursuant to Ohio R.C. 4511.21 by the Ohio Director of Transportation or Council, for the operator of a motor vehicle to operate the same at a speed not exceeding the following:

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(4) Fifty miles per hour on controlled access highways and expressways within the municipality. Forty-five miles per hour on Townsend Road in Richfield Township between the Village of Richfield corporation limit and the Cuyahoga County line.

(4.5) Fifty miles per hour on controlled-access highways and expressways within the municipality.

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SECTION 2. That Section 333.03(b) as it existed prior to the effective date of this Ordinance be, and the same hereby is, repealed.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 4/3/12

Michael Whelan  
President of Council

Barbara Babler  
Mayor

Dated: 4/3/12

ATTEST:

Carolyn E. Sullivan  
Clerk of Council