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Adopted: January 02, 2024

Posted: December 20, 2023

Effective Date: February 01, 2024

CITY OF MOUNT RAINIER, MARYLAND

ORDINANCE NO. 08-2023

**AMENDING CHAPTER 13, "TRAFFIC," OF THE MOUNT RAINIER CODE
TO ALTER CERTAIN SPEED LIMITS ON CITY ROADS.**

WHEREAS, Md. Transportation Code Ann. § 25-102(a)(10) allows a local authority, such as the City of Mount Rainier, in the reasonable exercise of its police power, to alter speed limits for highways under its jurisdiction in accordance with Title 21, §21-803; and

WHEREAS, based on its investigation of traffic conditions in the City, the City Council has determined that conditions dangerous to vehicles and pedestrians exist on many City streets where the current speed limit is 25 m.p.h., due in part to a reduction of the speed limits in the District of Columbia on roads that pass into the City, in part to increasing traffic as area development intensifies, and in part to other sociological and other factors; and

WHEREAS, based upon the investigation, the City Council has determined that a reasonable and safe maximum speed on these roads is 20 m.p.h.; and

WHEREAS, the roads in question are located in an urban district (*i.e.*, areas that includes a street and are built up with structures that are devoted to business, industry, or dwelling houses that are situated at intervals of less than 100 feet, for a distance of at least one quarter mile); and

WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted Resolution No. 01-2023 Creating the Safe Streets Task Force and Directing the Creation of a Vision Zero Safe Street Plans, committing the City to make efforts to improve conditions on the roads within its jurisdiction in order to reduce accidents, injuries and fatalities to persons using the roads; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 07-2023 lowering the speed limits on certain roads within the City, but that Ordinance contained an error relating to the Town's post-adoption procedures and the City Council therefore by this Ordinance intends to repeal and reenact the provisions in question.

Section 1. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNT RAINIER, MARYLAND, that Chapter 13, "Traffic" of the Mount Rainier Code be and hereby is amended to add Section 13-114, "Speed Limits", to read as follows:

Section 13-114. Repealed. Speed limits.

- A. The maximum speed limit on all City roads having a posted limit of 25 m.p.h. on January 31, 2024, shall be 20 m.p.h. beginning on February 1, 2024.
- B. Appropriate signs shall be posted giving notice of the 20 m.p.h. speed limit.

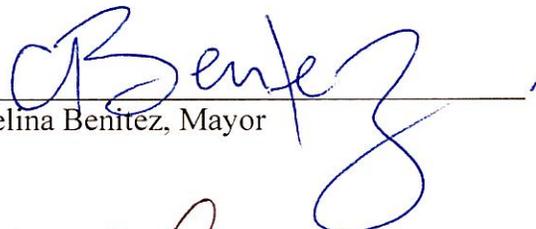
Section 2. This Ordinance shall supersede Ordinance No. 07-2023, which is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 3. This Ordinance is adopted by the Council of the City of Mount Rainier this 2nd day of January, 2024 and shall take effect on the 1st day of February, 2024, provided that a fair summary has been read at the meeting at which it is introduced and at the meeting at which it has been acted upon, that a copy shall be posted at City Hall immediately after introduction until it is acted upon and for at least two weeks after it becomes effective, and that a fair summary is published at least once in a newspaper having general circulation in the City, inclusive of the City's newsletter mailed or otherwise delivered to every City household.

Attest:



Melissa Sam, City Clerk



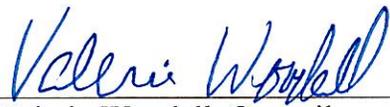
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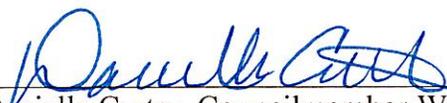
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