

ORDINANCE 349

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELKINS, WEST VIRGINIA, REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT TO FIFTEEN (15) MILES PER HOUR ON ALL STREETS AND ALLEYS BOUNDED BY SYCAMORE STREET (BUT NOT INCLUDING SYCAMORE STREET), RANDOLPH AVENUE (BUT NOT INCLUDING RANDOLPH AVENUE), DIAMOND STREET (INCLUDING DIAMOND STREET), AND THE CITY'S EASTERN BOUNDARY

WHEREAS, homeowners and residents in the affected area have expressed concerns regarding vehicle speeds, pedestrian safety, and neighborhood conditions; and,

WHEREAS, portions of the described area already have posted speed limits of fifteen (15) miles per hour, resulting in a patchwork of speed limits that can create confusion for motorists and inconsistent enforcement conditions; and,

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Elkins has determined that the increase in pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular traffic within this residential area, combined with its unique character and street network, warrant reducing remaining twenty-five (25) mile per hour speed limit locations to fifteen (15) miles per hour; and,

WHEREAS, establishing a uniform speed limit throughout the neighborhood will improve clarity for drivers, enhance public safety, promote traffic calming, and support consistent enforcement; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to West Virginia Code § 17C-6-3(d), municipalities have express authority to decrease an established twenty-five (25) mile per hour speed limit at their discretion and to post signs giving notice of the authorized speed; and,

WHEREAS, said reduction shall become effective upon approval by the City of Elkins Common Council, as the streets referenced herein are not State rights-of-way; and,

WHEREAS, the area subject to this Ordinance consists of all streets and alleys bounded by Sycamore Street (but not including Sycamore Street), Randolph Avenue (but not including Randolph Avenue), Diamond Street (including Diamond Street), and the City's eastern boundary, comprising the following streets, alphabetized for clarity: Bell Street; Boundary Avenue; Boyd Street; Buffalo Street; Cherry Street; Church Lane; Court Street; Diamond Street; Earle Street; Elm Street; Fayette Street; Gay Street; Guy Street; High Street; Howe Avenue; Key Street; Kirk Street; Locust Street; Marro Drive; Oak Street; Park Street; Paule Street; Prospect Street; Slaughterhouse Hill Road; Summit Street; Sugar Hill Lane; Terrace Avenue; Thorne Avenue; Vine Street; Vista Avenue; Weese Street; and Woodford Drive, as well as all alleys within the described area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELKINS, WEST VIRGINIA, THAT:

1. All streets and alleys within the above-described area, whether or not listed by name, shall be designated as a fifteen (15) mile per hour speed zone.
2. The City shall post appropriate signage giving sufficient notice of the reduced speed limit and take any additional steps necessary to ensure consistent, neighborhood-wide notification.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage.

If any portion of this Ordinance shall, for any reason, be declared invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions hereof, and the Common Council determines it would have adopted this Ordinance without the invalid provision.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON FIRST READING: December 4, 2025.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON SECOND/FINAL READING: January 8, 2026.

CITY OF ELKINS, WEST VIRGINIA



Jerry A. Marco, Mayor

Attest:



Sutton R. Stokes, City Clerk