

CITY OF CLAREMONT

Ordinance 08-26

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT ON NORTH OXFORD STREET BETWEEN INTERSTATE 40 AND THE NORTHERN CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY FROM 45 MILES PER HOUR TO 35 MILES PER HOUR TO EASE TRAFFIC ISSUES AND IMPROVE SAFETY

- WHEREAS,** North Oxford Street is a major roadway within the City of Claremont that serves both residential and commercial areas, and is heavily used by motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians; and
- WHEREAS,** the current speed limit on North Oxford Street between Interstate 40 and the northern corporate limits of Claremont is 45 miles per hour; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Claremont is committed to improving traffic safety, reducing traffic congestion, and creating a safe environment for all road users; and
- WHEREAS,** reducing the speed limit to 35 miles per hour on North Oxford Street between Interstate 40 and the northern corporate limits of Claremont is consistent with the City's commitment to enhancing community safety and quality of life;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT,

That Appendix I, Sections 108 and 109 are hereby amended by changing the following (new language appears as highlighted; deleted language and/or sections appear as "strike-through"):

Section 108 Thirty-five mile per hour speed limit on the following state highway system streets (See Section [7-1-42\(a\)\(4\)](#)):

- (1) U.S. 70 from eastern city limits to Claremont Park entrance drive;
- (2) U.S. 70 from western city limits to Pine Street;
- (3) S.R. 1722 (South Depot Street) from a point 0.1 mile south of Frazier Drive to Catawba Street;
- (4) S.R. 1722 (Catawba Street) from the eastern city limits to South Depot Street;
- (5) S.R. 1716 (Lookout Street) from city limits to Catawba Street;
- (6) S.R. 1715 (North Oxford Street) ~~from a point 0.10 mile north of I-40 to U.S. 70 (West Main Street)~~ **to the northern corporate limit of the city, a point .18 miles north of SR 2415;**
- (7) S.R. 1730 (Penny Road) from U.S. 70 to terminus. (Ord. of 3/2/92, No. 188-92)
- (8) S.R. 2436 (Kelly Blvd.) from S.R. 1929 (Heart Drive) to S.R. 1722 (South Depot Street). (Ord. of 4/3/00, No. 333-00)

(9) S.R. 1929 (Heart Drive) from U.S. Highway 70 to S.R. 1731 (Keisler Dairy Road). (Ord. of 4/3/00, No. 333-00)

(10) S.R. 2438 (Centennial Blvd.) from S.R. 1715 (North Oxford Street) to S.R. 1716 (North Lookout Street). (Ord. of 10/7/24, No. [11-25](#))

Section 109 Forty-five mile per hour speed limit on the following state highway system streets (See section [7-1-42](#)(a)(5)):

(1) S. Depot Street (SR 1722) from the southern corporation limits, approximately 0.46 mile south of Frazier Drive to a point 0.1 mile south of Frazier Drive. (Ord of 3/2/92)

(2) ~~North Oxford Street from a point 0.10 mile north of I-40 northward to the north corporate limit of the city, a point 0.18 mile north of SR 2415.~~ (Ord. No. 183-91)

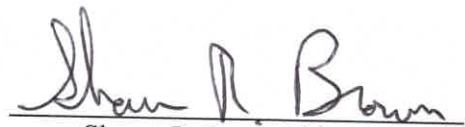
(3) S.R. 2438 (Centennial Blvd.) from S.R. 1716 (North Lookout Street) to U.S. Highway 70. (Ord. of 4/3/00, No. 333-00)

(4) S.R. 2436 (Kelly Blvd.) from a point .439 miles southwest of S.R. 1722 (Old Catawba Rd.) to S.R. 3118 (Heart Drive). (Ord. of 7/2/12, No. 02-12; Ord. of 2/2/15, No. 16-14)

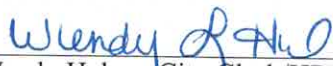
(5) S.R. 3118 (Heart Dr.) from S.R. 2436 (Kelly Blvd) to S.R. 1731 (Keisler Dairy Rd.) (Ord. of 7/2/12, No. [02-12](#))
(Ord. of 10/7/24, No. 11-25)

The speed limit on North Oxford Street from a point .10 miles north of I-40, northward to the north corporate limits of Claremont, a point .18 miles north of SR 2415 is hereby reduced from 45 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour, which shall become effective when the North Carolina Department of Transportation has passed a concurring ordinance, and signs are erected giving notice of the authorized speed limit.

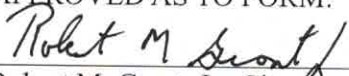
ADOPTED this 4th day of August, 2025.


Shawn R. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:


Wendy Helms, City Clerk/HR Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Robert M. Grant, Jr., City Attorney

**Certification of Municipal Declaration
To Repeal Speed Limits and Request for Concurrence**

Concurring State Ordinance Number: 1007302

Division: 12 County: CATAWBA

Municipality CLAREMONT

Type: Municipal Speed Zones

Road:

Car: 45 MPH

Truck: 45 MPH

Description: (North Oxford Street) from a point 0.10 mile north of I-40, northward to the north corporate limit of Claremont, a point 0.18 mile north of SR 2415.

Municipal Certification

I, Wendy L. Helms, Clerk of City of Claremont, do hereby certify that the municipal governing body, pursuant to the authority granted by G.S. 20-141(f), determined upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation and duly declared, on the 4th day of August, 2025, the repeal of speed limits as set forth above on the designated portion of the State Highway System, which shall become effective when the Department of Transportation has passed a concurring ordinance and signs are erected giving notice of the authorized speed limit.

The said municipal declaration is recorded as follows:

Minute Book: _____ Page: _____ Ordinance Number: 08-26

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the municipal seal this 4th day of August, 2025.

Wendy R. Helms
(signature)



Department of Transportation Approval

Division: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

Region: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____