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Jonathan B. Kanipe,  
Town Manager

## MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Board of Commissioners

From: Jonathan Kanipe, Town Manager

Re: Traffic Pattern Changes and Speed Limit Amendments along Vanderbilt Road

Consideration of Ordinance Amendment regarding Speed Limit on Vanderbilt Road

Date: August 6, 2018

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### Speed Limit Amendment along Vanderbilt Road

During last month's Board meeting, there was consensus to consider amending the Town's speed limit along Vanderbilt Road north of the Town Hall to the Asheville city limits in Biltmore Village. The police department, and Town, have received numerous complaints of speeding along this section of road from citizens residing in this area.

After reviewing the Board's last major speed limit change in 2013, I have prepared a draft ordinance which would reduce the speed limit along this section of Vanderbilt Road. This is attached as a red line version and "clean" version. If you elect to consider this ordinance at the August meeting, there is no public hearing required as this is a Town Code ordinance amendment.

### All Way Stop at Vanderbilt Road and Cedarcliff Road

The Board also discussed the possibility of installing a four-way (now generally called an "All Way") stop sign at the intersection of Cedarcliff and Vanderbilt Roads last month. Again, this was in relation to accident history in recent years and the presentation from Chief Beddingfield regarding sight line visibility at this intersection for vehicles traveling along Cedarcliff Road.

In the interest of ensuring appropriate traffic pattern signage and notice is provided for motorists (citizens and non-citizens alike), my recommendation is to prepare this information and proposal for a resident meeting in the middle of September. Commissioner Kelly had also suggested holding an event whereby our residents could view the equipment utilized by our officers, and we have extended an invitation to Skyland Fire Department to bring some of their equipment for citizens to view as well. Ideally, this information would be published in the newsletter that is scheduled to be sent out in late August. More information is included in the Manager's Report regarding this proposed event. Ample notice and information is necessary to ensure we have effectively communicated this traffic change to our residents, and this event would allow us time to interact and address questions or concerns from residents.

ORDINANCE AMENDING  
CHAPTER 17-TRAFFIC, ARTICLE II- OPERATION OF VEHICLES  
OF THE TOWN CODE OF ORDINANCES

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I. Speed limits

SCHEDULE I. SPEED LIMITS.

~~–(A) No person shall operate a vehicle in excess of 35 mph on the following streets in the town: Vanderbilt Road, north from the Town Hall to the town limits with the City of Asheville.~~

(2013 Code, § 17-35.1)

~~(A)~~ **(AB)** No person shall operate a vehicle in excess of 25 mph on the following streets in the town: Amherst Road; Arboretum Road; Brooklawn Chase; Brookside Road; Browntown Road; Buena Vista Road; Busbee Road; Cedar Chine Road; Cedarcliff Road; Cedar Hill Drive; Chauncey Circle; Deerfield Road; East Forest Road; Eastwood Road; Fairway Place; Fir Tree Lane; Forest Road; Frith Drive; Greenwood Place; Greenwood Road; Hemlock Road; Hilltop Road; Holly Hill Road; Lone Pine Road; Niagara Drive; Park Road; Parkway Road; Ridgefield Place; Southwood Road; Stuyvesant Crescent; Stuyvesant Road; Valley Springs Road; Vanderbilt Road ~~South from the Town Hall~~; Westwood Road; and White Oak Road.

(2013 Code, § 17-35.2)

~~(B)~~ **(BE)** No person shall operate a vehicle in excess of ten mph on Stuyvesant Road between Browntown and Southwood as posted.

***Statutory reference:***

*Speed restrictions and authority of town relative thereto, see G.S. § 20-141*

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Adopted this 14th day of August, 2018.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Town Manager

Approved as to Form:

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Attorney