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# Memorandum

**To:** The Honorable Satpal Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive and  
The Honorable Members of the Whatcom County Council

**Through:** Elizabeth Kosa, Interim Director

**From:** James P. Karcher, P.E., County Engineer *JPK*

**Date:** January 24, 2023

**Re:** **Ordinance Establishing a Speed Limit for the Plat of Harbor View Heights**

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## Requested Action

Public Works respectfully requests that the County Council adopt the proposed ordinance to establish a speed limit of 25 MPH for all roads within the Plat of Harbor View Heights, this includes the following roads: Crest Dr, Harborview Dr, Harbor Ct and Terrace Ave.

## Background and Purpose

Following discussions with a resident about speeding in the area it was discovered that no speed limit had been formally established for this residential development, therefore the speed limit is currently 35 MPH under the Unless Posted Otherwise ordinance. Following a traffic study performed by the Engineering Services Section of the Public Works Department it was determined that a more appropriate speed limit of 25 MPH should be proposed and the County Engineer has agreed that it is necessary to formally establish speed limits within this residential development.

## Information

This ordinance will allow for the installation of speed limit signs and is necessary to comply with RCW 46.61.415 to establish speed limits on certain County roads.

Please contact Douglas Ranney II, P.E., Engineering Services Manager at extension 6255 with any questions regarding this ordinance.