

ORDINANCE NO. 1582

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador does ordain as follows:

SECTION I. Recitals of Facts and Determinations in Support of Ordinance.

- A. Between August 2001 and August 2003, there were seventeen traffic collisions in the segment of Ridge Road between PM 3.85 and PM 4.85. That segment of Ridge Road has also seen a dramatic increase in vehicular traffic, thus contributing to frequency of accidents.
- B. The California Vehicle Code (CVC) allows a local jurisdiction to establish prima facie speed limits on streets and roads on the basis of engineering and traffic surveys.
- C. The County Public Works Agency has conducted two engineering and traffic surveys, in February and July 2003, to gather information in order to establish reasonable speed limits on Ridge Road from PM 3.85 to PM 4.85.
- D. Based on those engineering and traffic surveys, the CVC authorizes a reduction in the prima facie speed limit from 55 mph to 50 mph.
- E. Section 22358.5 of the CVC authorizes local jurisdictions to make this reduction in speed limits where roadside development results in traffic conflicts and unusual conditions that are not readily apparent to drivers, resulting in collision records and safety conditions that justify such further reductions.
- F. Ridge Road from PM 3.85 to PM 4.85 has demonstrated the following traffic conflicts and unusual conditions that are not readily apparent to drivers that justify a the reduction in the speed limit to 50 mph in order to facilitate the orderly movement of traffic in a reasonable and safe manner:
 1. There is no safe stopping sight distance at the intersection of Ridge Road and New York Ranch Road, because vehicles turning onto New York Ranch Road obstruct the sight of eastbound through vehicles on Ridge Road.
 2. A vertical curve in Ridge Road west of New York Ranch Road also adversely affects stopping sight distance.
 3. The roadway and intersections are not illuminated. The right turn lane from Ridge Road onto New York Ranch Road is in shadow even on clear, sunny days because of numerous trees.

4. There are a number of unevenly-spaced driveways that are partially hidden or obscured from sight. There are no turn lanes or pockets for residence access and no traffic signal at New York Ranch Road.

SECTION II. Subsection 10.08.380 is hereby added to the Amador County Code as follows:

Section 10.08.380 Ridge Road No. 22

On the basis of an Engineering and Traffic Survey the Board determines and declares a prima facie speed of fifty (50) miles per hour on Ridge Road for the area of Ridge Road from one-half mile west of the New York Ranch Road intersection to one-half mile east of such intersection, for a total of one mile in length (PM 3.85 to PM 4.85), due to the nature and volume of traffic accidents and the following special conditions not readily apparent to the average motorist:

Spacing of road and driveway accesses; partially obscured or inapparent road and driveway accesses; no turn lanes or pockets; lack of safe stopping sight distance; inadequate day time and night time lighting.

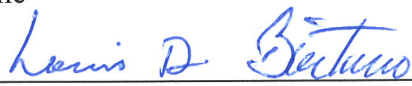
SECTION III. This ordinance shall be published within fifteen days from the date hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the county of Amador, State of California, and shall become effective thirty (30) days from the date of passage.

The foregoing ordinance was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 4th day of November 2003, by the following vote:

AYES: Louis D. Boitano, Mario Biagi, Rich F. Escamilla, Richard M. Forster, and Richard P. Vinson

NOES: None

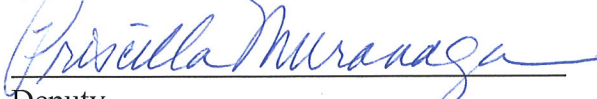
ABSENT: None



Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

MARDELL ANDERSON, Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors, Amador County,
California



Deputy