

ORDINANCE NO. 1671

AMENDMENT TO RIDGE ROAD SPEED LIMIT

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. California Vehicle Code Section 22358 provides that whenever the County determines that the current speed limit is more than is reasonable or safe upon any portion of any street other than a state highway, the County may by ordinance determine and declare a reasonable and safe prima facie speed limit which is found most appropriate to facilitate the orderly movement of traffic and that is reasonable and safe. The declared prima facie limit shall be effective when appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected upon the roadway section.
- B. 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. Additionally, from January 1, 2004, to August 3, 2007, on Ridge Road between PM 3 (near Hamricks Grade) and PM 5.2 (near Climax Road), a section about 2.2 miles, there were 25 accidents including 12 injuries and 1 fatality. Fifteen of these were at the intersection of Ridge Road and New York Ranch Road. That segment of Ridge Road has also seen a dramatic increase in vehicular traffic, thus contributing to the frequency of accidents.
- C. At a public hearing on December 18, 2007, the Board heard information regarding conditions on Ridge Road and recommendations regarding the reasonable speed limit on the portion of Ridge Road in the vicinity of New York Ranch Road between Hamricks Grade and Climax Road.

SECTION II. Chapter 10.08 of the Amador County Code, as adopted by Ordinance 1582 § 2, 2003 is hereby repealed.

SECTION III. Chapter 10.08 is hereby added to the Amador County Code as follows:

Section 10.08.050 Ridge Road No. 22

The Board determines and declares a prima facie speed limit of 45 miles per hour on 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 1.8 miles in length (PM 3.0 to PM 4.85).

SECTION IV. The remainder of Chapter 10.08 is unaffected by this ordinance and is deemed reenacted without amendment.

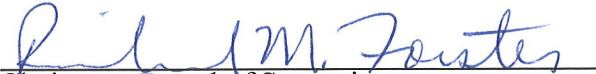
This ordinance shall be published within fifteen days from the date hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the county of Amador, State of California, and shall become effective thirty (30) days from the date of passage.

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 8th day of January 2008 by the following vote:

AYES: Rich F. Escamilla, Theodore Novelli, and Brian Oneto

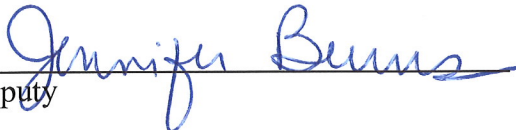
NOES: Richard M. Forster

ABSENT: Louis D. Boitano


Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

JENNIFER BURNS, Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors, Amador County,
California


Deputy