

CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA

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ORDINANCE 23-60(A)(S)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA AMENDING HOMER CITY CODE CHAPTER 7.04 TO ADD NEW SECTION 7.04.015 LOCAL TRAFFIC PROVISIONS AND AMEND SECTION 7.04.030 TRAFFIC FINE SCHEDULES TO REDUCE SPEED LIMITS ON CITY CUL-DE-SACS AND STREETS HAVING ONE OUTLET TO 15MPH.

WHEREAS, Many streets in the City of Homer lack adequate sidewalks and/or footpaths and the Homer City Council has prioritized efforts to increase pedestrian safety in recent years; and

WHEREAS, Cul-de-sacs and streets having one outlet are often areas where young children play and people with perhaps narrow / short driveways who at times are required to back up out of their driveways; and

WHEREAS, Cul-de-sacs and streets having one outlet also can have bends/curves and may lack a clear line of site; and

WHEREAS, Community members have expressed concerns around excess speeding and a desire to have slower speed limits to allow for pedestrians, bicyclists, and families to have a safer environment to live; and

WHEREAS, Reducing the speed limit on cul-de-sacs and streets having one outlet to 15MPH is a reasonable, safe, and effective way to keep the driving public in harmony with those dwelling in these areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOMER ORDAINS:

Section 1. Homer City Code 7.04 is hereby amended as follows:

7.04.015 Local Traffic Provisions.

a. Cul-de-sacs and streets having one outlet

- 1. Cul-de-sacs and streets having one outlet are streets which either dead end or have a provision for a turnaround at their termination. Cul-de-sacs are not intended to be extended or continue to serve future subdivisions or adjacent land. Other streets having one outlet may be extended in the future, but currently terminate without connecting to another road segment.**

- 2. **The speed limit in all cul-de-sacs and streets having one outlet within the city, from the nearest cross street to the termination of the cul-de-sac or street having one outlet, shall be 15 miles per hour.**
- 3. **If a street with only one outlet becomes connected to another road segment, the 15 mile per hour speed limit will no longer apply under this provision.**


Section 2. Homer City Code 7.04.030 is hereby amended to include fines for violations of 7.04.015(a)(2), to read as follows:

Code Section	Code Section Title	Fine Per Day
<u>HCC 7.04.015(a)(1)</u>	<u>Cul-de-sac and streets with one outlet speed limits</u>	<u>First violation \$10 per mile over the 15 mile per hour limit;</u> <u>Second violation \$20 per mile over the 15 mile per hour limit</u>
HCC 7.06.010(b)	Muffler not working properly	Corr/\$500.00

Section 3. This Ordinance is of a permanent and general character and shall be included in the City Code.

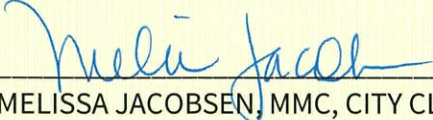
ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA this 8 day of January, 2024.

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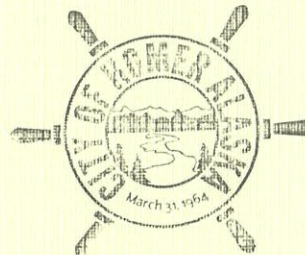


 KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK



YES: 6
 NO: 0
 ABSTAIN: 0
 ABSENT: 0

First Reading: 11/27/23 11/13/23

- 81 Public Hearing: 11/27/23 + 1/8/24
- 82 Second Reading: 1/8/24
- 83 Effective Date: 1/9/24

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ATTEST:

MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

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YES:

NO:

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ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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First Reading:

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Public Hearing:

Second Reading:

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