

TOWN OF MONROE,
STATE OF INDIANA

ORDINANCE No.: 2023 - 3

SHORT TITLE: AN ORDINANCE TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ON NORTH
POLK STREET WITHIN THE TOWN OF MONROE,

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 36-1-3, *et seq.* confers upon units of government within the State of Indiana such powers as necessary or desirable to conduct the affairs of local government;

WHEREAS, the Town of Monroe is a municipality within the State of Indiana and Indiana Code §36-5-2-2 provides that the Town Board for the Town of Monroe (hereinafter referred to as the "Town Board") is the legislative body for the Town of Monroe;

WHEREAS, the Town Board is responsible for the public safety and general welfare for the residents within the Town of Monroe;

WHEREAS, the Town Board is responsible for establishing the speed limits on streets within the Town of Monroe that is applicable to vehicular traffic operating within the Town of Monroe;

WHEREAS, North Polk Street runs from the intersection with Indiana State Route 124 to the Northern jurisdictional limits of the Town of Monroe;

WHEREAS, the vehicular traffic along North Polk Street has increased in volume and is creating potentially dangerous circumstances for the residents of the Town of Monroe;

WHEREAS, the current posted speed limit for North Polk Street is 45 miles per hour;

WHEREAS, the increased vehicular traffic volume along North Polk Street is creating a potentially dangerous circumstance due to the number of vehicles utilizing North Polk Street to enter and leave the Town of Monroe;

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to reduce the potentially dangerous circumstances created by the increased traffic volume by reducing the speed limit along North Polk Street from its current speed limit posted as 45 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour;

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to reduce the speed limit along North Polk Street to reduce the potential dangers presented by the increase vehicular traffic volume along North Polk Street in order to preserve the public health, safety and general welfare;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF MONROE, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Definitions. The following definitions are applicable to this Ordinance and are not of universal meaning within the context of other Ordinances, unless specific reference to said term and definition is referenced therein.

- A. "*North Polk Street*" means the portion of Polk Street that runs North from Indiana State Route 124 to the norther jurisdictional limits of the Town of Monroe.
- B. "*Posted Speed Limit*" means the speed limit established by this ordinance that is posted on signs located along North Polk Street.

Section 2. Violation. It shall be a violation of this ordinance for a person operating a vehicle on North Polk Street to travel at a rate of speed in excess of the posted speed limit, which the Town Board establishes as 35 miles per hour.

Section 3. Signage, Enforcement and Enforcement Procedures.

- A. Signage. The Town Superintendent shall erect and post signs along North Polk Street within the Town of Monroe that reduces the current speed limit to 35 miles per hour notifying persons operating vehicles of the new speed limit along North Polk Street.
- B. Enforcement. The Marshal for the Town of Monroe shall have the authority for the enforcement of this ordinance. The Marshal of the Town of Monroe and its Deputy Marshals shall be responsible for citing persons who violate this ordinance.
- C. Enforcement Procedures. The Marshal for the Town of Monroe and its Deputy Marshals shall conduct a traffic stop of any persons in violation of this ordinance and cite them for said violation by issuing a traffic citation to the person operating the vehicle that includes a fine in the amount of 0-10 = 100.00 10-20 = 150.00 00/100 Dollars (\$ _____) for each occurrence.

Section 4. Severability. If a court of competent jurisdiction finds that any portion of this ordinance is in violation of the laws of the United States or the State of Indiana, then the portion that is in violation shall be severed from this ordinance with the remainder of the ordinance in full force and effect.

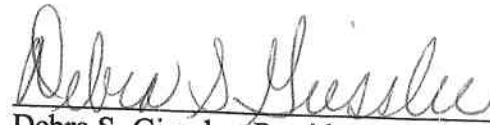
SECTION 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective upon the date of its adoption by the Town Board for the Town of Monroe, Adams County, State of Indiana.


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Duly adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Monroe, County of Adams County, State of Indiana, at its regular monthly meeting on this 7 day of September, 2023, with the following vote of 3 Yeas and 0 Nays.


**Town Council for the Town of Monroe,
County of Adams, State of Indiana**


Debra S. Giessler, President


Mike Geels, Member


Jeffrey L. Johnson, Member

ATTEST:


Rachel Tague, Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Monroe, County of Adams, State
of Indiana