ORDINANCE 1653

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 10, CHAPTER 8, SECTION 20, SCHEDULE H, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BLUFFTON, INDIANA

WHEREAS, the Common Council ("**Council**") of the City of Bluffton, Indiana ("**City**") has authority under the Acts of the Indiana General Assembly to make all necessary regulations for the preservation of the rights, property, health, safety and welfare of its citizens;

WHEREAS, the Council has requested and received from the Purdue University School of Civil Engineering a study dated August 30, 2024, of the established speed limit for River Road east from Wayne Street to the City limits, which study recommended reducing the speed to 30 m.p.h. to enhance the safety of the public after considering the proximity of the River Greenway Pedestrian Trail, which runs essentially parallel with River Road, and the varying road characteristics of this portion of River Road;

WHEREAS, the Council now finds that the interests of the citizens of the City would be best served by amending Title 10, Chapter 8, Section 20 of the Code of Ordinances, Schedule H, to reduce the maximum speed limit for that portion of River Road which lies east of Wayne Street to the City's eastern limits.

WHEREAS, **Exhibit A** attached to this Ordinance includes the changes to be made to Schedule H to reduce the speed limit on the applicable portion of River Road to 30 m.p.h.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLUFFTON, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Schedule H, INCREASED OR DECREASED STATE SPEED LIMITS, to Section 10.08.020 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bluffton, Indiana, is hereby amended to reduce the speed limit to 30 m.p.h. for that portion of River Road which lies east of Wayne Street to the eastern limits of the City of Bluffton, Indiana, as shown in **Exhibit A** to this Ordinance.

Section 3: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately and the revised Schedule A shall be enforced once the necessary traffic control signage has been installed.

[Signatures are on the following page.]

Adopted by the Common Council of the City of Bluffton, Indiana, this ____ day of _____ 2025, by the following vote:

Councilperson	AYES _____	NAYS _____	ABSENT _____
Scott A. Mentzer	_____	_____	_____
Rickey D. Elwell	_____	_____	_____
Janella J. Stronczek	_____	_____	_____
Joshua D. Hunt	_____	_____	_____
Chandler T. Gerber	_____	_____	_____
Blake A. Fiechter	_____	_____	_____
Sarah J. Reed	_____	_____	_____

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Mayor John S. Whicker, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

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Bri Lautzenheiser, City Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Bluffton, Indiana, at ___:___ o'clock p.m. this ____ day of _____, 2025.

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Bri Lautzenheiser, City Clerk-Treasurer

Approved by me this ____ day of _____, 2025.

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Mayor John S. Whicker

10.08.020 INCREASING OR DECREASING STATE SPEED LIMITS

It is hereby determined upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that the speed permitted by the Indiana Motor Vehicle Laws upon the streets listed in Schedule H, attached hereto and made part hereof, is greater or less, as specified in the schedule, than is necessary for the reasonable or safe operation of vehicles thereon and is hereby declared that the maximum speed limit shall be as herein designated when signs are erected giving notice thereof.

SCHEDULE H INCREASED OR DECREASED STATE SPEED LIMITS[1]

(A Part of BCC 10.08.020)

STREET	FROM	TO	POSTED SPEED
Angel Street[2]	City Limits	City Limits	40 MPH
Adams Street[3]	Angel Street	Lancaster Street	45 MPH
Capri Court	Main Street	Its Terminus	20 MPH
Clark Avenue	Ellingham Pike	City Limit	35 MPH
Columbian Avenue	Lancaster Street	Washington Street	20 MPH
Crescent Drive	Reid St	Kathryn Drive	20 MPH
Dustman Road	Sunrise Drive	City Limit	45 MPH
Ethel Street	Clark Avenue	Reid Street	20 MPH
Hi-Lo Street	Westgate Road	Woodlawn Street	20 MPH
Jackson Street[4]	Main Street	Eastern City Limit	30 MPH
Kathryn Drive	Crescent Drive	Clark Avenue	20 MPH
Lancaster Street	Bond Street	1000 ft. W of Meadow Lane	35 MPH
Lancaster Street	1000 ft. W of Meadow Lane	City Limit	45 MPH
Madison Avenue	Main Street	City Limit	45 MPH
Manor Drive[5]	Beginning	Terminus	20 MPH
Reid Street	Silver Street	Ethel Street	20 MPH
River Road[6]	Wayne Street	Eastern City Limit	30 MPH
Sunset Drive[7]	Lakeside Drive	Sunset Drive	20 MPH
Wabash Street	Main Street	Market Street	20 MPH
Washington Street[8]	Main Street	Marion Street	20 MPH
Wayne Street[9]	Market Street	City Limit-South	30 MPH

Western Avenue	500’ West of Merchant Street	City Limit	40 MPH
Westgate Road	Lancaster Street	Washington Street	20 MPH
Woodlawn Street	Westgate Road	Columbian Avenue	20 MPH

[1] Amended by Ordinance 1120, 8/29/2000
[2] Adopted by Ordinance 1300, 1/27/2009
[3] Adopted by Ordinance 1368, 9/3/2013
[4] Adopted by Ordinance 1368, 9/3/2013
[5] Adopted by Ordinance 1329, 7/26/2011
[6] Amended by Ordinance 1653, 1/21/2025
[7] Amended by Ordinance 1150, 6/11/2002
[8] Amended by Ordinance 1184, 2/13/2004
[9] Amended by Ordinance 1536, 3/30/2021