

TOWN OF PORT WASHINGTON
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-01
AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH/AMEND SPEED LIMITS
ON A PORTION OF DIXIE ROAD

1. Wis. Stat. § 346.57(4)(h) sets a default speed limit of 55 miles per hour on Town highways.
2. Wis. Stat. § 349.11(1)(a) permits a local authority to determine and declare a reasonable and safe speed limit upon any highway within the local authority's jurisdiction upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation showing that the statutory speed limit is either greater or less than is reasonable or safe under the conditions found to exist upon any part of a highway.
3. Wis. Stat. § 349.11(3)(c) permits a municipality to reduce the 55-mile-per-hour limit by 10 miles per hour without Wisconsin DOT approval.
4. The Town has conducted an engineering and traffic investigation on Dixie Road, 500 feet east of Six Mile Road, to the intersection of Dixie Road and County Road KW. The investigation reveals that the 85th percentile speeds in various locations are 46 mph, 35 mph, and 40 mph.
5. Wisconsin DOT guidance provides that speed limits should correlate closely to 85th percentile speeds determined by field speed studies.
6. The Ozaukee County Public Works Director, a licensed engineer, has reviewed the speed study and concurs with the proposed reduction of the speed limit from 55 mph to 45 mph.

THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Port Washington does ordain as follows:

1. Based on the foregoing recitals, the Town Board establishes a speed limit of 45 miles per hour on Dixie Road, east of Six Mile Road to County Road KW.
2. Section 322-3 of the Town Code shall be amended by inserting the following entry in the appropriate alphabetical order:
Dixie Road 45 Between Six Mile Road and County Road KW
3. The Town Board shall direct an appropriate agency or contractor to erect such official signs as may be necessary to give notice of the speed limit established by this Ordinance in accordance with the Wisconsin Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

Passed and adopted on October 6, 2025.



Mike Didier, Town Chairman

ATTEST: Heather Krueger
Heather Krueger, Town Clerk