



Legal Notice

Date: 09/03/2026

Subject: An ordinance of the City of Littleton, Colorado, amending Title 9, Traffic Regulations, Chapter 1, Traffic Code, Section 1(B) amendments approving a maximum lawful speed limit of 25 miles per hour within the city limits unless otherwise posted

Passed/Failed: Approved on second reading and public hearing

CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO

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ORDINANCE NO. 17

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO, AMENDING TITLE 9, TRAFFIC REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 1, TRAFFIC CODE, SECTION 1(B) AMENDMENTS APPROVING A MAXIMUM LAWFUL SPEED LIMIT OF 25 MILES PER HOUR WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF LITTLETON, UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED

WHEREAS, the City of Littleton (“City”) is authorized, pursuant to C.R.S. §§ 31-15-401 and 42-4-110(1)(b), to adopt and enforce police power regulations in furtherance of the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens, and specifically, to adopt a model traffic code that encompasses the rules of the road and vehicle requirements set forth in Article 4 of Title 42, C.R.S.; and;

WHEREAS, the City of Littleton has adopted the 2024 version of the Model Traffic Code which the Colorado Department of Transportation has published regularly, which is modeled after the applicable state statutes and adopted by municipalities to ensure the uniformity and standardization of traffic regulations throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute (C.R.S.) § 42-4-111(1)(i), local authorities are authorized to exercise police power over the streets and highways under their jurisdiction by altering or establishing speed limits, consistent with state law; and

WHEREAS, the MTC as adopted by the City of Littleton currently sets the maximum lawful speed limit in residence district in the City at thirty (30) miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, City Council wishes to continue its Council Priority of Safer Streets in the City of Littleton by reducing the default speed limit from 30 M.P.H., to 25 M.P.H. unless otherwise posted in residence districts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1: Title 9, Chapter 1, Section 1(B) of the Littleton City Code is hereby amended as follows:

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9-1-1(B) AMENDMENTS:

Section 1101(2) of the Model Traffic Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

(2) Except when a special hazard exists that requires a lower speed, the following speeds shall be lawful:

(a) Twenty miles per hour on narrow, winding mountain highways or on blind curves;

(b) Twenty-five miles per hour in any business district, as defined in section 42-1-102(11);

(c) TWENTY-FIVE miles per hour in any residence district, as defined in section 42-1-102(80);

(d) Forty miles per hour on open mountain highways;

(e) Forty-five miles per hour for all single rear axle vehicles in the business of transporting trash that exceed twenty thousand pounds, where higher speeds are posted, when said vehicle is loaded as an exempted vehicle pursuant to section 507(3);

(f) Fifty-five miles per hour on other open highways which are not on the interstate system, as defined in section 43-2-101(2), and are not surfaced, four-lane freeways or expressways;

(g) Sixty-five miles per hour on surfaced, four-lane highways which are on the interstate system, as defined in section 43-2-101(2), or are freeways or expressways;

(h) Any speed not in excess of a speed limit designated by an official traffic control device.

(i) FIFTEEN MILES PER HOURS ON ANY ALLEY OR ALLEYWAY.

(j) WHEN NO SPEED LIMIT IS POSTED, THE DEFAULT SPEED LIMIT SHALL BE TWENTY-FIVE MILES PER HOUR.

Section 2: Severability. If any part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance, including each part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that one or more parts, sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases may be declared invalid.

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Section 3: Repealer. All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed, provided that this repealer shall not repeal the repealer clauses of such ordinance nor revive any ordinance thereby.

INTRODUCED AS A BILL at a regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of the City of Littleton on the 18th day of August, 2026, passed on first reading by a vote of 6 FOR and 0 AGAINST; and ordered published by posting at Littleton Center, Bemis Library, the Municipal Courthouse and on the City of Littleton Website.

PUBLIC HEARING on the Ordinance to take place on the 1st day of September, 2026, in the Council Chamber, Littleton Center, 2255 West Berry Avenue, Littleton, Colorado, at the hour of 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as it may be heard.

PASSED on second and final reading, following public hearing, by a vote of 7 FOR and 0 AGAINST on the 1st day of September, 2026 and ordered published by posting at Littleton Center, Bemis Library, the Municipal Courthouse and on the City of Littleton Website.

ATTEST:

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