

FIRST READING July 9, 2019

SECOND READING _____

PASSED _____

AN ORDINANCE NO. BR2019-11

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER SEVENTY OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE CODE [as amended and enacted by Ordinance 2015-01-13] REGARDING CITY WIDE SPEED LIMITS; TO REDUCE SAID SPEED LIMITS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Blue Ridge, Georgia, has previously adopted Ordinance number 2015-01-13 to adopt the Georgia Uniform Rules of the Road and to regulate traffic upon the public streets of Blue Ridge, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Blue Ridge, Georgia, finds that, after consideration, study and review of the concentrated vehicular and pedestrian traffic within the City limits it is determined that vehicular traffic and its interaction with other vehicles and pedestrians creates a special hazard as contemplated by O.C.G.A. § 40-6-180 et seq. and that certain changes will address said hazards and benefit the public safety of the citizens and visitors to the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Blue Ridge, Georgia, as authorized by the City Charter and general law, as follows:

SECTION 1.

The entirety of § 70.15 entitled “SPEED LIMITS-CITY WIDE” is hereby repealed and replaced by the following which shall have the same title but read:

- (a) Twenty (20) miles per hour shall be the maximum speed limit throughout the City, except in the following instances:
 - (1) On streets adjoining school property and within a school zone or block, the maximum limit shall be fifteen (15) miles per hour at all times unless otherwise marked to allow an increase to twenty (20) miles per hour at certain times;
 - (2) In any park, playground or other area owned by the City, the maximum speed limit shall be fifteen (15) miles per hour.
- (b) Zones for speed limits in excess of, or less than, twenty (20) miles per hour, may be approved by resolution or simple vote by the City Council and Mayor and will be clearly marked by signs. Any changes approved as set forth in this subsection shall also be reflected on a list made available to the general public at City Hall and in such other places as directed by the Mayor or Chief of Police.

A current copy of the list is attached.

SECTION 2:
APPLICABILITY

This change shall expressly not change or alter Section 70.16 of Ordinance 2015-01-13 regarding the state highway system.

SECTION 3.
SEVERABILITY

If any paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase or any other portion of this Ordinance should be declared invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction or if the provisions of any part of this Ordinance as applied to any particular person, situation or set of circumstances is declared invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity shall not be construed to affect the provisions of this Ordinance not so held to be invalid, or the application of this Ordinance to other circumstances not so held to be invalid. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent of the City Council of the City of Blue Ridge, Georgia to provide for separate and divisible parts and it does hereby adopt any and all parts hereof as may not be held invalid for any reason.

SECTION 4.
EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of this Ordinance shall be immediately upon its passage by the City Council and execution by the Mayor or upon fifteen (15) days expiring from the date of its passage without a veto of said Ordinance by the Mayor as set forth in the City Charter at Section 3.23(b). Upon the Ordinance becoming effective, the City Clerk shall insert the modifications, additions or deletions and publish the Ordinance as amended.

SO ORDAINED, this ____ day of _____, 2019.

BLUE RIDGE CITY COUNCIL

By: _____
Mayor

Attest:

Kelsey Ledford, City Clerk

