

**City of Lake Elmo
Washington County, Minnesota**

Resolution No. 2003-015

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE
*POLICY ON 25 M.P.H. SPEED LIMITS***

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Elmo has strived to reduce impervious surface and street maintenance costs by building narrow streets in residential neighborhoods;

WHEREAS, citizens express concerns regarding traffic speeds and pedestrian safety in residential neighborhoods;

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that narrower streets reduce the average vehicle speed, and are driven slower than wider streets;

WHEREAS, a lower speed limit allows for a greater reaction time and shorter necessary stopping distance to avoid a hazard in the roadway.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Lake Elmo hereby adopts the attached *Policy on 25 MPH Streets*.

ADOPTED, by the Lake Elmo City Council this 4th day of March, 2003.



Lee Hunt, Mayor Hunt

ATTEST:



Charles Dillerud, Acting City Administrator

CITY OF LAKE ELMO POLICY FOR 25 MPH SPEED LIMITS

Purpose

The purpose of creating 25 MPH speed zones is to increase safety by reducing vehicle speeds in specific neighborhood areas.

Authority

Minnesota Rules Chapter 169.14 subd. 2. (7) allows a City to adopt a 25 MPH speed limit for residential roadways

Policy

The City shall use the following criteria when considering a 25 MPH speed limit for residential streets.

1. The street shall be in a high density area where the average lot size is 0.75 acres or less.
2. The street width shall be 26 feet or less.
3. There is limited sight distance along the street due to vegetation, hills, or sharp curves.
4. A recommendation by the City Engineer.
5. The street shall not be a collector route.
6. Shall meet the definition of "Urban District" in Minnesota Rules 169.01 (57)

Adoption

A 25 MPH speed limit shall be adopted by City Council resolution. A copy of the resolution must be mailed to the Commissioner of Transportation at least 10 days before posting.

Posting

All streets which have a 25 MPH speed limit shall have signage indicating the beginning and end of the speed limit area.

Notification

1. All property owners abutting a 25 MPH street shall have mailed notice prior to posting.
2. The local police shall be given notice of the 25 MPH speed zone.