

**TOWN OF BELLEAIR  
ORDINANCE NO. 560**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF BELLEAIR, FLORIDA AMENDING  
CHAPTER 58, ARTICLE I, SECTION 58-1, SPEED LIMITS, OF THE  
CODE OF ORDINANCES TO LOWER THE SPEED LIMITS WITHIN THE  
TOWN'S CORPORATE LIMITS, MAKING RELATED FINDINGS; AND  
PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN  
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Town, pursuant to § 58-1 of its Code of Ordinances, has established with limited exceptions a maximum speed of 30 miles per hour within the Town, which is comprised of virtually all residence districts; and

**WHEREAS**, §§ 316.183 (2) and 316.189 (1), Fla. Stat., require that the maximum speed limit for all vehicles be 30 miles per hour in business and residence districts, and 55 miles per hour at all other locations; and

**WHEREAS**, §§ 316.183 (2) and 316.189 (1), Fla. Stat., permit a municipality to set a maximum speed of 20 or 25 miles per hour on local streets in residence districts provided that an investigation determines that such a limit is reasonable; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town commissioned investigations of speeds within the Town which determined that lowering the speed limits in the Town would result in a quantifiable safety benefit; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Commission hereby finds based on such investigations that a reduction in speed on Town roads as set forth herein is reasonable and in conformity to criteria promulgated by the Department of Transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Commission desires to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents and visitors by lowering the speed limits within the corporate limits of the Town.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF BELLEAIR, THAT:**

**Section 1.** Chapter 58, Article I, Section 58-1 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Belleair, Florida is hereby amended to read as follows: are hereby created as follows:

**Sec. 58-1. - Speed limits.**

- (a) No person shall drive a vehicle within the corporate limits of the town at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions then existing or as required by traffic control signs. Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, ~~no~~

~~person shall exceed a speed of~~ the maximum speed on all roads in the town shall be 25  
30 miles per hour ~~in the town.~~

- (b) The maximum speed limit for the following streets and roadways shall be 30 ~~25~~ miles per hour:

~~North Pine Circle.~~

~~Winston Drive.~~

~~Sunset Bay Drive.~~

~~Wildwood Way~~

Indian Rocks Road.

- (c) The maximum speed limit for the following streets and roadways shall be 20 miles per hour:

Cypress Avenue

Laurie Lane

Meredith Lane

Bellevue Boulevard west of its intersection with Druid Road

Hibiscus Lane

Country Club Lane

Palm Terrace

Oakmont Lane

St. Andrews Drive.

**Section 2.** For purposes of codification of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Belleair, Florida, words **underlined** represent new text or additions to original text, words **~~stricken~~** are deletions from the original text, and words neither underlined nor stricken remain unchanged.

**Section 3.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, provision, or word of this Ordinance

is held unconstitutional or otherwise legally invalid, same shall be severable and the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity, such that any remainder of the Ordinance shall withstand and survive any severed provision, as the Town Commission would have adopted the Ordinance even absent the invalid part.

**Section 4.** The Codifier shall codify the substantive amendments to Code of Ordinances, Town of Belleair, Florida contained in Section 1 of this Ordinance as provided for therein and shall not codify the exordial clauses or any other sections not designated for codification.

**Section 5.** Pursuant to § 166.041 (4), Fla. Stat., this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption. Pursuant to § 316.189 (3), Fla. Stat., the changes in speed limits effected by this Ordinance shall take effect when the respective zone is posted by the Town in conformance with that section.

**ADOPTED ON FIRST READING** by the Town Commission of the Town of Belleair, Florida, at the meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.

**PUBLISHED THE ##** day of [MONTH], 2023.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED ON SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING** this ## day of [MONTH], 2023.

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Michael Wilkinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Christine Nicole, CPM, CMC, Town Clerk