

TOWN OF PORTSMOUTH, RI
Ordinance # 2024-08-13

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN CODE OF THE
TOWN OF PORTSMOUTH**

PART II: GENERAL LEGISLATION

Be it ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Portsmouth:

Section 1. The Town Code, Chapter 250, entitled "Motor Vehicles and Traffic" is hereby amended to add the following new article:

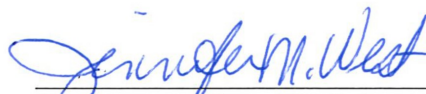
Article XI
LOW-SPEED VEHICLES

§ 250-30. Prohibition of low-speed vehicles on certain highways.

- A. Pursuant to the authority granted by R.I. Gen. Laws § 31-19.6-1(d), the Town Council finds that the use of West Main Road from the Middletown town line to West Passage Drive, the use of East Main Road from the Middletown town line to Sandy Point Avenue, and the use of East Main Road from Union Street to Hedly Street by low-speed motor vehicles would represent an unreasonable risk of death or serious injury to occupants of low-speed vehicles as a result of general traffic conditions, which include but are not limited to excessive speeds of other vehicles, traffic volumes, and the use of such highways by heavy trucks or other large vehicles.
- B. The use of low-speed vehicles on West Main Road from the Middletown town line to West Passage Drive, on East Main Road from the Middletown town line to Sandy Point Avenue, and on East Main Road from Union Street to Hedly Street is prohibited.
- C. The Director of Public Works in consultation with the Police Chief, or their designees, shall post signs where necessary to provide notice to the public of such prohibited access.
- D. Any person who operates a low-speed vehicle in violation of this section shall be subject to a fine of \$100.

Section 2. This amendment shall take effect upon passage.

ADOPTED BY TOWN COUNCIL
ACTION ON AUGUST 13, 2024



Jennifer M. West, CMC, Town Clerk