ORDINANCE NO. 1155
CITY OF MEDICAL LAKE
SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MEDICAL LAKE, WASHINGTON, AMENDING CHAPTER 8.08 OF THE MEDICAL LAKE MUNICIPAL CODE TO REDUCE THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT ON STATE ROUTE 902 (LEFEVRE STREET) BETWEEN MILEPOST 5.82 AND MILEPOST 6.55 FROM THIRTY (30) MILES PER HOUR TO TWENTY-FIVE (25) MILES PER HOUR; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, State Route 902 (SR 902), also known as Lefevre Street within the City of Medical Lake ("City"), is a state highway under the jurisdiction of the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) that serves as a primary corridor through the City; and

WHEREAS, the City is undertaking the Lefevre Street project, which includes roadway improvements such as lane narrowing, addition of a center left-turn lane, protected bicycle facilities, and other traffic calming and safety enhancements intended to improve conditions for all roadway users; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Lefevre Street project, the City has determined that a reduction in the posted speed limit from thirty (30) miles per hour to twenty-five (25) miles per hour is appropriate and consistent with the planned improvements and the surrounding urban context; and

WHEREAS, Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 46.61.415 authorizes local authorities to establish or alter maximum speed limits on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation when the maximum speed permitted is greater or less than is reasonable and safe under the conditions found to exist, provided that any alteration of maximum limits on state highways within incorporated cities or towns shall not be effective until approved by the Secretary of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, an engineering and traffic investigation has been conducted supporting the proposed reduction of the speed limit on SR 902 (Lefevre Street) from Milepost 5.82 to Milepost 6.55 from thirty (30) miles per hour to twenty-five (25) miles per hour in the interest of public safety, reduced crash severity, and consistency with the completed and planned corridor improvements; and

WHEREAS, WSDOT requires an ordinance supporting the speed limit change prior to its approval and implementation of the reduced speed limit and associated signing; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance establishes the generally applicable maximum speed limit for the described portion of State Route 902 and is not intended to repeal, supersede, enlarge, diminish, or otherwise affect any lower maximum speed limit independently established by state law, another provision of the Medical Lake Municipal Code, or other competent authority, including an applicable school or playground crosswalk or speed zone under RCW 46.61.440; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the proposed speed limit reduction is reasonable, safe, and in the best interests of the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEDICAL LAKE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Findings.

The recitals set forth above are hereby adopted as findings of the City Council in support of this Ordinance.

Section 2. Amendment to Medical Lake Municipal Code Chapter 8.08.

A new section is hereby added to Chapter 8.08 (Speed Limits) of the Medical Lake Municipal Code, to be codified as Section 8.08.060, and to read as follows:

8.08.060 State Route 902 (Lefevre Street) – State Route 902 (Lefevre Street) – Portions reduced to twenty-five miles per hour.

(A) On the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation related to improvements on Lefevre St., and subject to approval by the Secretary of Transportation as required by RCW 46.61.415(6), the maximum speed limit on State Route 902, also known as Lefevre Street, from Milepost 5.82 northerly to Milepost 6.55 is hereby established at twenty-five (25) miles per hour.

(B) The reduced speed limit established by this section shall not be effective or enforceable until: (1) it has been approved by the Secretary of Transportation; and (2) appropriate signs giving notice of the reduced speed limit have been erected and are in place in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

(C) Upon approval by the Secretary of Transportation, the Washington State Department of Transportation is authorized and requested to install and maintain the appropriate speed limit signs for the segment described in subsection (A).

Nothing in this section repeals, supersedes, or alters any lower maximum speed limit that is independently applicable within the segment described under state law, another provision of the Medical Lake Municipal Code, or other lawful authority, including a school or playground crosswalk or speed zone established under RCW 46.61.440. Any such lower limit applies only within its lawfully established boundaries and during the times or conditions designated by applicable law and lawfully installed traffic-control devices.

Section 3. Transmittal to WSDOT.

A certified copy of this Ordinance shall be transmitted to the Washington State Department of Transportation and the Secretary of Transportation with a request for approval of the speed limit reduction adopted herein pursuant to RCW 46.61.415(6).

Section 4. Severability.

If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance.

Section 5. Corrections.

The City Administrator is authorized to make necessary corrections to this Ordinance, including but not limited to the correction of clerical errors, references to other local, state, or federal laws,

codes, rules, or regulations, or ordinance numbering and section/subsection numbering along with minor milepost changes as it relates to WSDOT Eastern Region requirements.

Section 6. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days after its passage and publication of the Ordinance or a summary thereof in the official newspaper of the City, as provided by law. Provided, however, that the reduced speed limit established by Section 2 shall not be effective or enforceable until approved by the Secretary of Transportation and appropriate signs have been erected.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Medical Lake, Washington, this 3rd day of November 2026.

Terri Cooper, Mayor

ATTEST:

Koss Ronholt, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Sean P. Boutz, City Attorney

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NOTICE OF ORDINANCE PASSED BY MEDICAL LAKE CITY COUNCIL

The following is the title and summary of Ordinance No. 1155 passed by the City of Medical Lake City Council on the 3rd day of November 2026.

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Section 1. Sets forth the findings of the Ordinance which the City Council adopts in support of the Ordinance.

Section 2. Amends Chapter 8.08 of the Medical Lake Municipal Code by adding a new section and to be codified as Section 8.08.060.

Section 3. Establishes the requirement for the City to transmit a certified copy of Ordinance No. 1155 to the Washington State Department of Transportation and Secretary of Transportation for review and approval.

Section 4. Establishes a severability clause in the event some portion of the Ordinance is held invalid.

Section 5. Authorizes the City Administrator to make necessary corrections to the Ordinance and/or consistent with rules, regulations, and laws, as applicable.

Section 6. Establishes an effective date for Ordinance No. 1155 for five (5) days after publication of the Ordinance, or a summary thereof, in the official newspaper of the City, as provided by law.

The full text of the Ordinance is available at the City of Medical Lake offices as identified above. A copy will be mailed to any citizen without cost upon request from the City's Clerk's office.

Koss Ronholt, Finance Director/City Clerk

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