

## **ORDINANCE NO. 25-15**

**AN ORDINANCE OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 50, ARTICLE III OF THE VILLAGE CODE TITLED "TRAFFIC AND VEHICLE SPEED ZONES", SECTION 50-53 "SPEED ZONES; ESTABLISHED", TO CREATE A MAXIMUM SPEED ZONE OF TWENTY MILES PER HOUR FOR VEHICLES OPERATED ON CORTEZ DRIVE; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, Section 316.189, Florida Statutes, permits municipalities to establish reasonable speed limits of twenty (20) or twenty-five (25) miles per hour in residential zoning districts after an investigation determines that such speed limit is reasonable and in conformity with criteria promulgated by the Department of Transportation ("FDOT");

**WHEREAS**, in 2005, the Monroe County Engineer on behalf of Islamorada, Village of Islands ("Village") conducted an investigation in accordance with, and utilizing the procedures set out by, applicable law and the promulgated rules of the Florida Department of Transportation;

**WHEREAS**, this investigation demonstrated that maximum speed zones of twenty (20) miles per hour and twenty-five (25) miles per hour are reasonable speeds for certain local streets within the residential districts of the Village, excluding any County or State roads within the Village;

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance 05-10 established maximum speed zones in selected residential district streets; and

**WHEREAS**, in the intervening years, additional residential streets have been added to the twenty (20) miles per hour speed zones; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2018, the Village commissioned an Islamorada Traffic and Safety Study;  
and

**WHEREAS**, the 2018 study makes note of the increase in automobile accidents from the  
years 2011-2015; and

**WHEREAS**, various residents in and around Cortez Drive have approached the Village  
about creating a safer environment as a result of numerous speed-related incidents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village believes that the reduction in speed on Cortez Drive will likely  
lead to a corresponding reduction in speed-related incidents – thereby creating a safer  
environment for those traveling on and living near Cortez Drive; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village now desires to include Cortez Drive in the list of residential  
district streets previously established in section 50-53 of the Village Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Council finds that reducing the speed limit on Cortez Drive from  
25 miles per hour to 20 miles per hour is in the best interest of the Village.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA,  
VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Recitals.** The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated  
herein by this reference.

**Section 2. Amendments to the Village Code.** Chapter 50 of the Village Code titled  
"Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places" is hereby amended by specifically revising Article III,  
"Traffic and Vehicle Speed Zones", Section 50-53 to read as follows: <sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> / Coding: ~~Strikethrough words~~ are deletions to the existing words. Underlined words are additions  
to the existing words. Changes between first and second reading are indicated with **highlighted double**  
~~strikethrough~~ and double underline.

**ARTICLE III "Traffic and Vehicle Speed Zones."**

**Section 50-53. Speed Zones; Established.**

(a) As authorized by F.S. § 316.189(1), there is hereby established a maximum speed limit of 25 miles per hour for all streets in residence districts of Islamorada, Village of Islands except for the following streets where the maximum speed limit shall be 20 mph:

- (1) Bayview Drive, Lower Matecumbe Key
- (2) Buttonwood Lane, Lower Matecumbe Key
- (3) Willow Lane, Lower Matecumbe Key
- (4) Sapodilla Drive, Lower Matecumbe Key
- (5) Columbus Drive, Lower Matecumbe Key
- (6) Cortez Drive, Lower Matecumbe Key
- (7) Jerome Avenue, Upper Matecumbe Key
- (8) Atlantic Street, Upper Matecumbe Key
- (9) Matecumbe Avenue, Upper Matecumbe Key
- (10) Gulf Street, Upper Matecumbe Key
- (11) Bay Street, Upper Matecumbe Key
- (12) Palm Avenue, Upper Matecumbe Key
- (13) Industrial Drive, Upper Matecumbe Key
- (14) Johnson Road, Upper Matecumbe Key
- (15) Beach Road, Upper Matecumbe Key
- (16) Preston Street, Upper Matecumbe Key
- (17) North Carroll Street, Upper Matecumbe Key

(b) Speed zones shall be posted in accordance with F.S. § 316.189(3).

**Section 3. Repeal of Conflicting Provisions.** The provisions of the Village Code of Ordinances and all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**Section 4. Inclusion in the Code.** It is the intention of the Village Council, and it is hereby ordained the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made part of the Village of Islamorada Code, that sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered to accomplish such intentions, and that the word "Ordinance" shall be changed to "Section" or other appropriate word.

**Section 5. Severability.** The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable and if any sentence, section, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sentences, sections, clauses or phrases of the Ordinance but they shall remain in effect it being the legislative intent that this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

The foregoing Ordinance was offered by Steve Friedman, who moved its adoption on first reading. This motion was seconded by Deb Gillis, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Sharon Mahoney	<u>Yes</u>
Vice Mayor Don Horton	<u>Yes</u>
Councilwoman Deb Gillis	<u>Yes</u>
Councilman Steve Friedman	<u>Yes</u>
Councilwoman Anna Richards	<u>Yes</u>

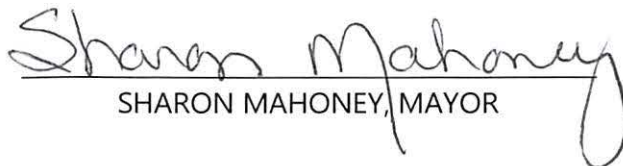
**PASSED** on first reading this 9th day of September, 2025.

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The foregoing Ordinance was offered by Don Horton, who moved its adoption on second reading. This motion was seconded by Deb Gillis, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Sharon Mahoney	<u>Yes</u>
Vice Mayor Don Horton	<u>Yes</u>
Councilwoman Deb Gillis	<u>Yes</u>
Councilman Steve Friedman	<u>Yes</u>
Councilwoman Anna Richards	<u>Yes</u>

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on the second reading this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025.

  
SHARON MAHONEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
MARNE MCGRATH, VILLAGE CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY  
FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE AND BENEFIT OF  
ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS ONLY

  
JOHN J. QUICK, VILLAGE ATTORNEY

