**RESOLUTION NO. 2027-1**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEWISVILLE, IDAHO, ESTABLISHING A CITYWIDE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT OF TWENTY-FIVE (25) MILES PER HOUR ON PUBLIC STREETS WITHIN THE CITY OF LEWISVILLE

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lewisville is an incorporated municipality of the State of Idaho and has authority under Idaho law to regulate the speed, manner of driving, and operation of motor vehicles upon highways and streets within the City's jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, Idaho Code § 49-654 establishes a maximum speed of thirty-five (35) miles per hour in residential, business, and urban districts unless a different speed is established in accordance with Idaho Code § 49-207; and

**WHEREAS**, Idaho Code § 49-207 authorizes local authorities, upon the basis of an engineering or traffic investigation and consideration of the residential, urban, or business character of the area, to determine and declare a reasonable and safe maximum speed limit lower than the otherwise applicable statutory limit; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that reducing motor-vehicle operating speeds on City streets will improve the safety of motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, children, older adults, and other vulnerable road users by reducing both the likelihood and severity of traffic collisions; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration ("NHTSA") recognizes that higher vehicle speeds increase crash and injury risk and that the risk to pedestrians and other non-motorists rises dramatically above approximately 20 to 25 miles per hour; NHTSA further identifies speed management as an essential component of a safe transportation system.

**WHEREAS**, federal transportation safety research summarized by the Federal Highway Administration ("FHWA") reports that at a vehicle impact speed of approximately 25 miles per hour, an estimated **30 percent of pedestrians sustain a severe injury and approximately 12 percent are killed**; the same federal source reports substantially lower injury and fatality risk at lower impact speeds.

**WHEREAS**, NHTSA reports research estimating that the likelihood of a pedestrian sustaining a serious or fatal injury rises substantially with vehicle impact speed, including approximately 18 percent at 20 miles per hour, 50 percent at 30 miles per hour, and 77 percent at 40 miles per hour.

**WHEREAS**, NHTSA further reports that lower speed limits, when combined with appropriate enforcement and other safety measures, can reduce vehicle speeds, crashes, and crash severity; in an evaluation of Boston's reduction from 30 to 25 miles per hour, the odds of motorists exceeding 30 miles per hour were reduced by approximately 8.5 percent, while the odds of exceeding 35 miles per hour were reduced by approximately 29.3 percent.

**WHEREAS**, FHWA has documented urban safety improvements associated with lower speed limits and complementary speed-management measures, including an evaluation in Seattle showing a 30 percent reduction in injury collisions and a 40 percent reduction in pedestrian and bicycle collisions on a redesigned corridor incorporating a lower posted speed limit.

**WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes that reducing the speed of a vehicle from 35 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour also substantially reduces the kinetic energy involved in a collision and provides drivers additional time to perceive, react to, and avoid hazards; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has considered the safety needs and characteristics of the City's residential, business, and urban streets and determines that a citywide 25-mile-per-hour maximum speed limit is reasonable and appropriate for streets under City jurisdiction, subject to applicable state-law requirements and any roadway-specific engineering determination; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Idaho Code § 49-207, the City shall base the altered speed limit upon traffic investigation and shall coordinate with the Idaho Transportation Department concerning any affected state highway or state-maintained roadway.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEWISVILLE, IDAHO, AS FOLLOWS:**

**1.** Citywide Speed Limit Established. The maximum lawful speed for motor vehicles upon all public streets and highways located within the incorporated limits of the City of Lewisville and under the jurisdiction of the City shall be twenty-five (25) miles per hour, unless a lower speed is required by another applicable law, traffic control device, roadway condition, construction zone, school zone, or other lawful restriction.

2. State Highways and Other Non-City Jurisdiction Roads. This Resolution shall not be construed to establish or alter a speed limit on an interstate highway, controlled-access highway, or state highway for which the City lacks independent authority to establish the applicable speed limit.

3. Signage and Notice. The City shall cause appropriate 25 MPH SPEED LIMIT signs to be installed at locations necessary to provide reasonable and legally sufficient notice to motorists entering and traveling upon streets affected by this Resolution.

The City may use additional pavement markings, speed-feedback signs, public education, traffic-calming measures, and other lawful safety measures to support compliance with the established speed limit.

4. Enforcement. Upon the effective date of this Resolution and lawful posting of the required speed-limit signs, law-enforcement authority having jurisdiction is authorized to enforce the 25-mile-per-hour maximum speed limit consistent with Idaho law.

5. Existing Speed Limits. Any previous City resolution, ordinance, policy, traffic order, or posted speed limit inconsistent with this Resolution is superseded to the extent of the conflict, provided that no provision of this Resolution shall supersede a speed limit established by a governmental authority having jurisdiction over a particular roadway unless that authority lawfully approves the change.

6. Severability. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Resolution is declared invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect to the greatest extent permitted by law.

7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval by the Mayor and City Council and erection of appropriate official speed-limit signs.

**ADOPTED** by the Lewisville City Council, this 14th day of October, 2026.

**APPROVED:**

**Fred Tucker, Mayor**

ATTEST:

**Connie J Olsen, Clerk/Treasurer**