




TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

MEMORANDUM

March 8, 2021

TO: Mayor and Board of Commissioners

FROM: Debora P. Diaz, Town Manager 

REF: New Business

2. Requested amendment to the Official Traffic Map-recommendation to westernmost graveled portion of Veterans Drive to 15 mph (Attached NB-2)

This requested amendment to the Town's Official Traffic Map originated with the First Flight High School Athletics Director who has asked if the speed limit on the gravel/dirt portion of Veterans Drive, depicted in yellow on the attached map, could be lowered from 25 MPH to 15 MPH. This request comes as there has been an increase in vehicular traffic, pedestrians using the area for physical training and wellness, and the Veterans Drive multi-use paths.

The request was directed to the Police Department and Public Services Department for their review and recommendation. Assistant Chief Dana Harris concurred with the request to lower the speed limit and agreed with the 15 MPH limit, and agreed that a reduction in speed would increase the safety of everyone who uses this area – especially during events that use the athletic field, and during the continually increasing use of the disc golf course.

Staff recommends the Town's Official Traffic Map be changed as requested to lower the speed limit on a portion of Veterans Drive from 25 MPH to 15 MPH as depicted in this memorandum. A motion will be in order.

If approved, Staff will take precautions to assure motorists are aware of the change in speed limit, as suggested by Deputy Chief Harris.



Chief
Gary Britt

KILL DEVIL HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Memorandum

Date: February 24, 2021

To: D. Diaz, Town Manager

Through: Mary Quidley, Town Clerk
Shawn Murphy, Assistant Town Manager
Gary L. Britt, Chief of Police

From: Dana Harris, Assistant Chief of Police

Re: Speed Limit Reduction on Gravel/Dirt portion of Veterans Drive

It has been brought to my attention, by Ross Cipriano, that the First Flight Athletics Director asked if we could reduce the speed limit on the gravel/dirt portion of Veterans Dr. to 15 mph from 25 mph. There has been an increase in vehicular traffic on the gravel/dirt portion of Veterans Dr.. There has also been an increase in the number of pedestrians using the area for sports training, physical wellness and leisure walks with pets. With the current speed limit being 25 mph for the vehicles and the increased athletic training, that will occur with school reopening, it appears to be a cause of concern for the safety of the people using this section of Veterans Dr..

I concur with their recommendation of lowering the speed limit and recommend that the speed limit in this section of Veterans Dr. be reduced to 15 mph from the currently posted 25 mph. Lowering the speed limit would increase the safety for the citizens and visitors using this area, especially during public events such as football games, track, Save-A-Life Together (S.A.L.T.) youth camp and the disc golf course. I would recommend that extra signage be placed in this section and small flags be attached to the signs to draw attention to the speed limit change for at least the first couple of months.

The reduction to 15 mph could be started prior to entering the paved traffic circle where pedestrians cross Veterans Dr. to go to the Football/Track Field.

Thank you

Quidley, Mary

From: Albright, Steve
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 4:21 PM
To: Quidley, Mary
Cc: Turner, Tote
Subject: FW: speed reduction on gravel/dirt portion of Veterans Dr.
Attachments: Veterans drive speed reduction 2021.docx

No comments from me. I think it is a good idea but will require enforcement. I have noted many student athletes leaving the track /field house and disc golf exceeding the 25 posted. This will also align with the 15mph zone currently on the gravel portions of Old Nags Head Woods Road. Also, reduced speed may help extend driving surface between grading....it has been so wet lately we haven't been able to grade and it is rough.

Copying Tote on this so he can check inventory of 15MPH signs to make sure we have stock. Please let us know when approved so we can get the signs changed out.

Steve Albright

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From: Quidley, Mary <MARY@kdhnc.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 3:15 PM
To: Albright, Steve <Steve@kdhnc.com>
Subject: FW: speed reduction on gravel/dirt portion of Veterans Dr.

Good afternoon, do you all have any comments on this?

Thanks bunches.

Mary E.

From: Harris, Dana
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 2:53 PM
To: Quidley, Mary <MARY@kdhnc.com>
Subject: speed reduction on gravel/dirt portion of Veterans Dr.

Mary

I have attached my recommendation. Steve/Derek/Tote's input would be welcomed if you think it is also needed. There will be some people who may complain about lowering the speed limit, such as the ones using Veterans Dr. as a cut through from Bermuda Bay, by using the dirt path by the power substation, to get to Veterans Dr. and then to the Schools or the Southern part of the Town.

Dana

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