



ORDINANCE NO. 2550

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING NO. 26 IN SECTION 16.03.030 AND ADDING NO. 16 TO SECTION 16.03.040 AND NO. 45 TO SECTION 16.03.050 OF THE NEVADA COUNTY CODE PERTAINING TO SPEED LIMITS ON SODA SPRINGS ROAD – DISTRICT V

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I:

WHEREAS, the County of Nevada intends to change the prima facie speed limit on Soda Springs Road from the intersection of Donner Pass Road to 1100 feet south of Donner Pass Road to 30 miles per hour; and from 1100 feet south of Donner Pass Road to the Placer County line to 35 miles per hour based on the following findings:

- A. That California Vehicle Code sections 22357 and 22358 authorize local agencies to establish speed limits based on the findings of an engineering and traffic survey; and
- B. That the County conducted engineering and traffic surveys on Soda Springs Road, that determined the 85th percentile speed, and recommends speed limits as listed below; and

Road Section	Current Speed	85 th Percentile Speed	Recommended Speed
Soda Springs Road from the intersection of Donner Pass Road to 1100 feet south of Donner Pass Road	25mph: Nov-April No limit: April-Nov	37	30
Soda Springs Road from 1100 feet south of Donner Pass Road to the Placer County Line	25mph: Nov-April No limit: April-Nov	37	35

- C. That establishing the speed limit at the nearest rounded 85th percentile of free-flowing traffic speeds facilitates the orderly movement of vehicular traffic and is reasonable and safe; and
- D. Speed limits can be reduced by 5 mph from the rounded 85th percentile speed at the discretion of a registered Traffic or Civil Engineer; and
- E. From 1100 feet south of Donner Pass Road to Donner Pass Road, at the discretion of County's Principal Engineer, it is proposed to set the year-round speed limit to 30 mph, which is 7 mph lower than the 85-percentile speed of 37 mph. The proposed 30 mph speed limit includes an additional deduction in speed of 5 mph due to seasonal pedestrian traffic; and

F. That the work will be funded with local road maintenance funds for Fiscal Year 2025/26.

SECTION II:

TITLE 16 Section 16.03.030:

No. 26 of Section 16.03.030 of the Nevada County Code is hereby repealed; and

TITLE 16 SECTION 16.03.040:

Section 16.03.040 of the Nevada County Code is hereby amended to add:

16. Soda Springs Road from Donner Pass Road to 1100' south of Donner Pass Road; and

TITLE 16 SECTION 16.03.050:

Section 16.03.050 of the Nevada County Code is hereby amended to add:

45. Soda Springs Road from 1100' south of Donner Pass Road to the Placer County line.

All changes are as shown in **Exhibit A**, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

SECTION III:

If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and adopted this Ordinance and each section, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentence, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION IV:

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force at the expiration of thirty (30) days from and after its passage, and it shall become operative on the 17th day of January, 2026, and before the expiration of (15) days after its passage it shall be published once, with the names of the Supervisors voting for and against same in the Sierra Sun, a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the County of Nevada.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a majority vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 16th day of December 2025, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes: Supervisors Heidi Hall, Robb Tucker, Lisa Swarthout, Susan Hoek and Hardy Bullock.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

Recuse: None.

ATTEST:

TINE MATHIASSEN
Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: 


Heidi Hall, Chair

EXHIBIT A

**TITLE 16, CHAPTER 3 – MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC; SPEED LIMITS,
PARKING AND CONTROL OF VEHICLES**

Section 16.03.030:

26. REPEALED

Section 16.03.040:

16. Soda Springs Road from Donner Pass Road to 1100' south of Donner Pass Road.

**Section 16.03.050 Thirty-Five (35) Miles Per Hour Prima Facie Speed Limit
Established; Signs to be Posted.**

45. Soda Springs Road from 1100' south of Donner Pass Road to the Placer County line.