ORDINANCE NO. 1229

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 22-144 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MILES CITY REGARDING SPEED LIMITS, PROVIDING FOR A 15 MILE PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT ON PEARL STREET FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH MONTANA AVENUE THROUGH ITS INTERSECTION WITH SOUTH JORDAN AVENUE, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Miles City, Montana as follows:

Section 1. Section 22-144(c) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Miles City, Montana is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 22-144. Speed limits.
(a) Every person operating or driving a vehicle of any character on a street within the municipality shall drive it in a careful and prudent manner, and at a rate of speed not greater than is reasonable and proper under the conditions existing at the point of operation, taking into account the amount and character of traffic, condition of brakes, weight of vehicle, grade and width of highway, condition of surface and freedom of obstruction to view ahead, and such person shall drive it so as not to unduly or unreasonably endanger the life, limb, property or other rights of any person entitled to the use of the street or highway.

(b) Where no special hazard exists that requires lower speed for compliance with subsection (a) of this section, the speed of a vehicle not in excess of the limits specified in subsection (c) of this section, which limits are identical with state law, or the limits authorized by subsection (d) of this section, shall be lawful, but any speed in excess of the limits specified in subsection (c) of this section or the limits established as authorized in subsection (d) of this section shall be unlawful.

(c) The following speed limits apply to streets in the municipality except for those streets or parts of streets where the limits have been altered in accordance with subsection (d) of this section:

(1) Twenty-five miles per hour in any urban district.

(2) Thirty-five miles per hour on any highway under construction or repairs.

(3) Fifty-five miles per hour in other locations during the nighttime.

Daytime means from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Nighttime means at any other hour.

(d) Whenever the municipality shall determine, upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, that any speed provided in subsection (c) of this section is greater or less than is reasonable or safe under the conditions found to exist upon a highway or part of a highway, the municipality may determine and declare a reasonable and safe speed limit thereat which, when appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected, shall be effective at all times or during hours of daylight or darkness or at such other times as may be determined for such highways or parts of highways. No alteration of any state speed..."
limits declared by the municipality shall be effective unless such alteration is authorized by state law.

(e) The driver of every vehicle shall, consistent with the requirements of subsection (a) of this section, drive at an appropriate reduced speed when approaching and crossing an intersection or railway grade crossing, when approaching and going around a curve, when approaching a hillcrest, when traveling upon any narrow or winding roadway, and when a special hazard exists with respect to pedestrians or other traffic or by reason of weather or highway condition.

(f) The following speed limits apply to the following designated arterial streets in the municipality, when appropriate signs giving notice of such speed limit are erected:

(1) 15 miles per hour on Pearl Street from its easterly intersection with South Montana Avenue to its easterly intersection with South Jordan Avenue;

Section 2. This amendment shall become effective thirty (30) days after its final passage.

Said ordinance read and put on its passage this 10th day of January, 2012.

C.A. Grenz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rebecca Stanton, City Clerk

FINALLY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of April, 2012.

C.A. Grenz, Mayor

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