

**CITY OF SANIBEL
ORDINANCE 26-011**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANIBEL, FLORIDA; TO SPECIFY SPEED LIMITS ON PUBLICLY OWNED ROADWAYS WITHIN THE CITY; AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 66, TRAFFIC, ARTICLE III, SPEED LIMITS, DIVISION 1, GENERALLY, SECTION 66-121, THIRTY-FIVE MILE PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT, DELETING SECTION 66-122, BRIDGE AT BUELL CREEK; SPEED LIMIT AND RENUMBERING SUBSEQUENT SECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 66-121 of the Sanibel Code of Ordinances currently establishes the maximum speed limit on Periwinkle Way from Ferry Road (east) to Tarpon Bay Road (west) as 35 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, Section 66-122 of the Sanibel Code of Ordinances currently establishes the maximum speed limit for any vehicle traversing the bridge at Buell Creek on Bay Drive (formerly known as Old Bayshore Road) as ten miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, at their April 21, 2026, meeting, the City Council expressed their intent to establish speed limits for all public roadways on Sanibel by Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 316, Florida Statutes, authorizes municipalities to establish speed limits based upon appropriate traffic engineering studies; and

WHEREAS, the City Council received “The City of Sanibel Speed Study and Passing Zone Analysis” (speed study) on March 3, 2026; and

WHEREAS, based upon the referenced speed study, the City Council wishes to amend the Code of Ordinances to establish speed limits for all public roadways on Sanibel by Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, establishing public roadway speed limits by Ordinance ensures there will be adequate notice for residents, business owners, and other interested parties to provide input to the City Council prior to amending speed limits in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANIBEL, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The recitals above are true and correct and made a part hereof.

SECTION 2. Sanibel Code of Ordinances, Chapter 66, is hereby amended with ~~strike through~~ language indicating deletions and underlined language indicating additions as follows:

Chapter 66 - TRAFFIC

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ARTICLE III. – SPEED LIMITS

DIVISION 1. - GENERALLY

Sec.66-121. - Speed Limits~~Thirty-five mile per hour speed limit.~~

- (a) Except as otherwise specifically provided in Section 66-121(i), any amendment to an existing speed limit on a publicly owned roadway shall be established by ordinance and adopted in accordance with applicable provisions of state law, including, but not limited to, section 316.189(1), Florida Statutes, and any required traffic engineering studies.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a vehicle at a speed in excess of the speed limits established herein on publicly owned roadways.

- (b) No public roadway shall have a speed limit exceeding thirty-five (35) miles per hour.
- (c) The speed limit on the following publicly owned roadways shall be thirty-five (35) miles per hour:
- (1) Palm Ridge Road;
 - (2) Westerly along Periwinkle Way, from Causeway Boulevard to Tarpon Bay Road; and
 - (3) Westerly along Sanibel-Captiva Road, from the intersection with Tarpon Bay Road to a point approximately 900 feet east of the intersection with Pine Avenue.
- (d) The speed limit on the following publicly owned roadways shall be thirty (30) miles per hour:
- (1) Easterly along Periwinkle Way from the intersection with Skiff Place to Lighthouse Beach Park.
- (e) The speed limit on the following publicly owned roadways shall be twenty-five (25) miles per hour:
- (1) Birdie View Point;
 - (2) Par View Drive;
 - (3) Easterly along Periwinkle Way, from the intersection with Causeway Boulevard to the intersection with Skiff Place; and
 - (4) Westerly along Sanibel-Captiva Road, from a point approximately 900 feet east of the intersection with Pine Avenue to the western boundary of the City of Sanibel's corporate limits on the bridge at Blind Pass.
- (f) The speed limit on the following publicly owned roadways shall be twenty (20) miles per hour:
- (1) Albatross Road;
 - (2) Atlanta Plaza Drive
 - (3) Baltusrol Court;
 - (4) Sand Castle Road;
 - (5) Troon Court; and
 - (6) Wulfert Road, from Wildlife Drive to its cul-de-sac terminus.
- (g) The speed limit on the bridge at Buell Creek on Bay Drive (formerly known as Old Bayshore

Road) shall be ten (10) miles per hour.

- (h) Except as otherwise specifically provided in Section 66-121(c) through (g), and (i), the speed limit on all publicly owned roadways within the City shall be thirty (30) miles per hour.
- (i) The city manager, or the city manager's designee, is authorized to install, maintain, replace, relocate, and remove traffic advisory signs on public roadways within the City when deemed necessary to promote the safe and efficient movement of traffic. Such signs may include, but are not limited to, curve warning signs, advisory speed signs, pedestrian warning signs, and other traffic control devices authorized by the Florida Department of Transportation's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Advisory signs shall not establish a regulatory speed limit unless otherwise provided by ordinance.

~~The maximum speed within the city shall be 35 miles per hour along the following routes:~~

~~Westerly along Periwinkle Way beginning at the intersection of Ferry Road and terminating at Tarpon Bay Road; generally north and westerly along Palm Ridge Road from the intersection at Periwinkle to the intersection at Tarpon Bay Road; and thence westerly along Sanibel Captiva Road to the western most corporate limits of the city.~~

~~**Sec. 66-122. Bridge at Buell Creek, speed limit.**~~

~~The maximum rate of speed for any vehicle traversing the bridge at Buell Creek on Bay Drive (formerly known as Old Bayshore Road) shall be ten miles per hour and it is unlawful and prohibited for any person to exceed such speed limit.~~

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Secs. 66-~~131~~¹³² - 66-140. - Reserved.

SECTION 3. Codification. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to indicate these amendments in future City Code publications.

SECTION 4. Conflict. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith shall be and the same hereby repealed. If any part of this ordinance conflicts with any other part, it shall be severed, and the remainder shall have full force and effect and be liberally construed.

SECTION 5. Severance. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance, or application hereof, is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion or application shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion or application hereof.

SECTION 6. Effective date. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED AT SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING IN OPEN AND REGULAR SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANIBEL, FLORIDA THIS 18TH DAY OF AUGUST

2026.

Attest:

Scotty Lynn Kelly, City Clerk

Mike Miller, Mayor

Approved as to form and legality:

John D. Agnew, City Attorney

Date filed with City Clerk: _____

Vote of Council Members:

Miller _____
Smith _____
DeBruce _____
Henshaw _____
Johnson _____

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Second Reading: August 18, 2026