



## RESOLUTION R-2018-02

### RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE NC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ON NC 68 NORTH IN OAK RIDGE

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Oak Ridge is responsible for the health, safety and welfare of its citizens and those who travel in and around Oak Ridge; and,

**WHEREAS**, the speed limits assigned to the roads in and around the Town of Oak Ridge contribute to the said health, safety and welfare of its citizens and visitors; and,

**WHEREAS**, even though traffic has decreased somewhat on NC 68 North with the opening of I-73, many vehicle crashes – including fatalities – have occurred on NC 68 North; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Oak Ridge is experiencing pressure for additional commercial and residential development along the NC 68 North corridor; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council thinks that the 45-mph and 50-mph speed limits on the section of NC 68 North between Alcorn Road and Meadows Road in the Town of Oak Ridge is excessive due to the increased development in the area, the number of intersections and driveways with access to NC 68, the amount of through-traffic, and the number of vehicle crashes and fatalities that have occurred; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council thinks that the speed limit on this section of road should be 35 mph.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Oak Ridge requests that the NC Department of Transportation consider decreasing the speed limit on NC 68 North between Alcorn Road and Meadows Road through the Town of Oak Ridge to 35 mph.

Adopted, this 7th day of June, 2018.

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Spencer Sullivan  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sandra B. Smith, NCCMC, CMC  
Town Clerk