



Deval L. Patrick, Governor  
Frank DePaola, Acting Secretary & CEO  
Frank DePaola, Administrator



January 5, 2015

Ms. Patricia E. True  
Town Clerk  
Town Hall  
2 School Street  
Merrimac, MA 01860



Dear Ms. True:

Attached are two copies of Special Speed Regulation No. 7932 for the town ways noted on the Regulation.

Please be advised that in addition to the necessary speed limit signage required upon the anticipated approval of this Regulation, MassDOT recommends the following additional signage to be erected at the following locations on these town roadways in order to further advise motorists of conditions that exist that may warrant additional caution: (please refer to the Federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), 2009 Edition)

#### MIDDLE ROAD/RIVER ROAD

- The existing *Turn Horizontal Alignment signs (W1-1)* presently posted in advance of the curve near the junction of Merrimac Street (approximately 0.50 miles east of the Haverhill City Line) should be supplemented by the addition of *Advisory Speed Plaques (W13-1 (25))* indicating 25 miles per hour.
- A *Curve Horizontal Alignment sign (W1-2)* supplemented by *Advisory Speed Plaques (W13-1 (30))* indicating 30 miles per hour should be installed in both directions in advance of the horizontal curve located approximately one mile east of the Haverhill City Line.
- An *End Speed Zone sign (R2-7)* should be erected facing eastbound traffic at the Amesbury Town Line.
- If the Town determines the stop sign facing westbound traffic on Middle Road at the intersection of North Road is appropriately placed according to warrants listed in the MUTCD (ex.: "shall not be used for speed control"), a new graphic *Stop Ahead sign (W3-1)* should be installed replacing the existing sign facing west bound traffic in advance of the stop sign. If it determined the stop sign should actually be placed on North Road, both existing signs should be removed.

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BIRCH MEADOW ROAD/HADLEY ROAD

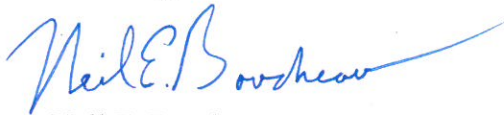
- *Turn Horizontal Alignment signs (W1-1)* should be posted in both directions in advance of the curve near the southern junction of Birch Meadow Loop (approximately 0.75 miles north of Route 110) and should be supplemented by the addition of *Advisory Speed Plaques (W13-1 (25))* indicating 25 miles per hour.
- *Intersection Ahead (W2 series)* should be erected in both directions in advance of the intersection of West Hadley Road and Farrington Field Road

BEAR HILL ROAD

- A *Reverse Curve Horizontal Alignment sign (W1-5)* supplemented by *Advisory Speed Plaques (W13-1 (25))* indicating 25 miles per hour should be erected in both directions in advance of the reverse horizontal curves located approximately 0.80 miles south of the New Hampshire State Line.
- *Turn Horizontal Alignment signs (W1-1)* supplemented by *Advisory Speed Plaques (W13-1 (25))* indicating 25 miles per hour should be installed in both directions in advance of the horizontal curve located approximately 0.50 miles north of Route 110.

Please have each copy of this Regulation signed by the Board of Selectmen, attested by the Town Clerk and returned to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division, Traffic Engineering, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, Massachusetts 02116-3973, for further processing.

Sincerely,



Neil E. Boudreau  
State Traffic Engineer



# MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

## TOWN OF MERRIMAC SPECIAL SPEED REGULATION # 7932

Highway Location: MERRIMAC  
Authority In Control: TOWN OF MERRIMAC  
Name of Highways: CHURCH STREET/HIGHLAND ROAD;  
RIVER ROAD/MIDDLE ROAD;  
BIRCHMEADOW ROAD/HADLEY ROAD;  
BEAR HILL ROAD

In accordance with M.G.L. c. 90, § 18, the following Special Speed Regulation is

Hereby Adopted

by the Board of Selectmen

of the Town of Merrimac

That the following speed limits are established at which motor vehicles may be operated in the areas described:

### **CHURCH STREET/HIGHLAND ROAD - NORTHBOUND**

Beginning at the junction of West Main Street (Route 110), thence northerly on Church Street/Highland Road

0.20 miles at 30 miles per hour

2.27 miles at 35 miles per hour ending at the Massachusetts/New Hampshire State Line; the total distance being 2.47 miles.

### **HIGHLAND ROAD/CHURCH STREET - SOUTHBOUND**

Beginning at the New Hampshire/Massachusetts State Line, thence southerly on Highland Road/Church Street

2.27 miles at 35 miles per hour

0.20 miles at 30 miles per hour ending at the junction of West Main Street (Route 110); the total distance being 2.47 miles.

**RIVER ROAD/MIDDLE ROAD – EASTBOUND**

Beginning at the Haverhill/Merrimac Town Line, thence easterly on River Road/Middle Road

1.40 miles at 35 miles per hour

0.33 miles at 25 miles per hour

0.60 miles at 35 miles per hour ending at the Merrimac/Amesbury City Line; the total distance being 2.33 miles.

**MIDDLE ROAD/RIVER ROAD – WESTBOUND**

Beginning at the Amesbury/Merrimac Town Line, thence westerly on Middle Road/River Road

0.60 miles at 35 miles per hour

0.33 miles at 25 miles per hour

1.40 miles at 35 miles per hour ending at the Merrimac/Haverhill City Line; the total distance being 2.33 miles.

**BIRCHMEADOW ROAD/HADLEY ROAD – NORTHBOUND**

Beginning at the junction of Route 110 (West Main Street); thence northerly on Birchmeadow Road/Hadley Road

0.71 miles at 35 miles per hour

0.46 miles at 30 miles per hour

1.55 miles at 35 miles per hour ending at the Massachusetts/New Hampshire State Line; the total distance being 2.72 miles.

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**BEAR HILL ROAD – NORTHBOUND**

Beginning at the junction or Route 110 (East Main Street), thence northerly on bear Hill Road

2.25 miles at 35 miles per hour ending at the Massachusetts/New Hampshire State Line; the total distance being 2.25 miles.

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**BEAR HILL ROAD – SOUTHBOUND**

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Operation of a motor vehicle at a rate of speed in excess of these limits shall be prima facie evidence that such speed is greater than is reasonable and proper.

The provisions of this regulation shall not, however, abrogate M.G.L. c. 90, § 14

Date of Passage:

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Attest \_\_\_\_\_  
TOWN CLERK

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**SPECIAL SPEED REGULATION NO. 7932**

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation does hereby certify that this regulation is consistent with the public interest.

Standard signs must be erected at the beginning of each zone.

REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES  
DIVISION

HIGHWAY DIVISION

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
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BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
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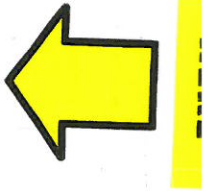
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