

**TOWN OF BLUFF, UTAH, ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01  
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS ON ALL  
TOWN ROADS AND ALLEYS WITHIN TOWN LIMITS**

**WHEREAS** The Town of Bluff is a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Utah; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Utah Code Annotated § 72-3-104, municipalities have jurisdiction over Class C roads within their boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Utah Code Annotated § 41-6a-603, local authorities may alter speed limits on any “highway under its jurisdiction”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council finds that reducing motor vehicle and mechanized vehicle speeds on municipal roads promotes public safety, protects pedestrians, bicyclists, residents, livestock, and property, and is in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the community;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF BLUFF, UTAH:**

**SECTION 1. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish speed limits on all Bluff municipal roads and alleys within the Town limits to improve safety, reduce accidents, and promote orderly traffic flow throughout residential and local roadway areas.

**SECTION 2. APPLICABILITY**

- A. This Ordinance applies to all Bluff Town roads, defined as public highways under municipal jurisdiction pursuant to Utah law, and all town alleys located within the corporate boundaries of the Town of Bluff, Utah.
- B. This Ordinance does not apply to state highways or roads not under municipal jurisdiction unless otherwise authorized by agreement with the appropriate governmental entity.

**SECTION 3. SPEED LIMIT ESTABLISHED**

- A. No person may operate a motor or mechanized vehicle on a street or highway at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the existing conditions and the actual and potential hazards. In every event, speed shall be so controlled as may be necessary to avoid colliding with any person, vehicle or other conveyance on or entering the streets and highways in compliance with legal requirements and the duty of all persons to use due care.
- B. Where no special hazard exists that requires lower speed for compliance with division (A) of this section, the speed of any vehicle not in excess of the limits specified in this section or established as hereinafter authorized is lawful, but any speed in excess of the limits specified below in this division or established as hereinafter authorized is unlawful. The following speed limits apply:

- a. The maximum lawful speed for any vehicle traveling on any town road or alley within the Town of Bluff is hereby established at Twenty (20) miles per hour unless otherwise posted.
- b. The maximum lawful speed for any vehicle traveling on Bluff Bench Road, also known as Bluff Bench Bypass and Highway 216, is hereby established at Fifty (50) miles per hour, unless otherwise posted.

**SECTION 4. TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES**

The Town is authorized to install and maintain appropriate signage and traffic control devices as necessary to implement and provide notice of the speed limit established by this Ordinance in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and applicable Utah law.

**SECTION 5. ENFORCEMENT**

A. Any person who operates a vehicle in excess of the speed limit established by this Ordinance shall be in violation of the Utah Traffic Code and subject to penalties as provided by state law and applicable Town ordinances.

B. Enforcement shall be carried out by authorized law enforcement officers including, but not limited to, San Juan County Sheriff Deputies.

**SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY**

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE**

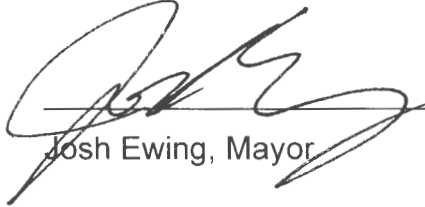
This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of Bluff, Utah, this 3rd day of March, 2026.

**COUNCIL VOTE, AS RECORDED:**

NAME	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
<b>Joshua "Josh" Ewing</b> Mayor	X			
<b>Stephen "Britt" Hornsby</b> Councilmember	X			
<b>Jennifer Davila</b> Councilmember	X			
<b>Gary Haws</b> Councilmember	X			
<b>Spencer Wade</b> Councilmember	X			

TOWN OF BLUFF

BY:   
Josh Ewing, Mayor

3/3/26  
Date



ATTEST

  
Erin Nelson, Town Recorder

3/3/2026  
Date