

**TOWN OF TRUCKEE
California**

RESOLUTION 2023-14

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TRUCKEE ADOPTING AN
UPDATED RADAR SPEED SIGN POLICY**

WHEREAS, the Town Council adopted resolution 2013-10 on May 28, 2013 adopting a Radar Speed Sign Policy; and

WHEREAS, radar speed signs are proven to be effective for increasing driver awareness to reduce the number of vehicular accidents; and

WHEREAS, permanent radar speed signs are most effective when their use is limited to school zones, locations where speed limits reduce, or where there is a change in roadway character; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to update the criteria that requires speed surveys and temporary radar speed signs to evaluate the effectiveness of permanent radar speed sign implementation and identify new locations where radar speed signs will be effective on Town of Truckee public roadways;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TRUCKEE that the Radar Speed Sign Policy adopted pursuant to Resolution 2013-10 is hereby rescinded and the updated Radar Speed Sign Policy in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, is hereby adopted.

The foregoing resolution was introduced by Council Member Zabriskie, seconded by Council Member Klovstad, at a regular meeting of the Truckee Town Council, held on the 28th day of March, 2023 and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Member Klovstad, Vice Mayor Polivy, Mayor Romack, Council Member Zabriskie, and Council Member Henderson

NOES: None.

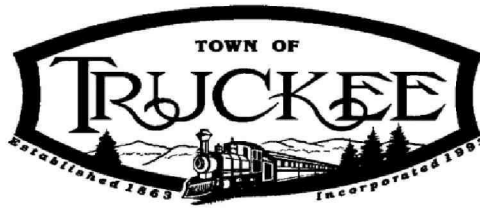
ABSENT: None.

ATTEST:

Judy Price
Judy Price, MMC, Town Clerk

Lindsay Romack
Lindsay Romack, Mayor

Exhibit A:



**TOWN OF TRUCKEE
RADAR SPEED SIGN POLICY
MARCH 14, 2023**

PURPOSE

Radar speed signs measure (by radar) and display the speed of vehicles approaching the sign. Such devices are used to reduce traffic speeds by alerting drivers of their speed relative to the speed limit, thereby prompting them to adjust their speed accordingly. While these signs have proven to be effective in speed reduction and crash frequency reduction, excessive use of signage could lead motorists to disregard the warning in the long term. In addition, the cost to purchase, install, and provide long-term maintenance of these signs is significantly higher than typical sign installations, further necessitating the need to allow such signs at critical locations only. Consequently, it is necessary to establish criteria regarding the deployment and operation of radar speed signs, especially as requests to the Town for radar sign installations have increased in recent years. This policy provides such criteria.

The Town of Truckee Police Department owns a portable radar speed sign that is placed temporarily on roads when speed complaints are received. This policy also provides direction for the use of these portable radar speed signs in lieu of permanent fixtures.

INSTALLATION CRITERIA

The decision to install a radar speed sign should be based upon general roadway characteristics, location, and the presence of vulnerable road users. Locations where radar speed signs are appropriate are as follows:

- Entrances to school zones in public school campuses with student enrollment greater than or equal to three hundred.
- Entrances to major subdivisions where speeds are reduced and where a change in roadway classification or character occurs along major routes.

Based upon an evaluation of the Town roadway system, appropriate locations for radar speed signs have been identified in the attached Exhibit A. Permanent radar speed signs shall only be allowed at these locations. Adjustments to exact sign placement location may be made based upon a detailed site evaluation. The intent of Exhibit A is to identify acceptable locations for radar speed signs and not to identify areas where such signs will definitively be placed.

The existing signs that are installed on Fairway Drive in the Old Greenwood development would be allowed to remain under this policy.

The placement of a portable radar speed sign may be permitted on all other roadways.

RADAR SPEED SIGN FUNDING

Unless the sign is eligible for Truckee Special Service Area (TSSA) funds (see below), it is the responsibility of the requesting entity to provide funding for the purchase and installation of the sign as follows:

- The sign may be purchased and installed by the Town if a funding reimbursement agreement between the entity and Town is in place.
- Purchase and installation of the sign may be completed by entity at Town Engineer's discretion. Placement location, methods, and materials for installation are subject to Town approval. Sign installation by entity shall require an encroachment permit for work in Town right of way.
- If the sign is placed in the Town right of way, the Town will perform maintenance on the radar speed sign. However, should annual maintenance costs exceed typical maintenance costs for roadway signage (as determined by the Town Engineer) in any given year, the Town may remove the radar speed sign (likely in a circumstance where the unit was catastrophically damaged and requires replacement or significant repair beyond which Town personnel are able to perform) unless the requesting entity provides funding for the sign replacement or repair.

Truckee Special Service Area (TSSA) Funds

TSSA funds may be used to fund radar speed signs in the Glenshire and Tahoe Donner residential areas, given the following conditions are met:

- Radar speed sign is to be placed within the limits or immediate vicinity of the Subdivision.
- A letter from the appropriate homeowner association has been received indicating their support of the sign installation and the use of the TSSA funds.
- There is adequate TSSA fund balance to fund the radar speed signs.
- The Town Engineer approves of the approximate location for the radar sign speed installation, consistent with Exhibit A.

Measure A, Measure V, and General Funds are not appropriate sources for the installation of radar speed signs.



Exhibit A: Acceptable Locations for Radar Speed Signs

- Existing Radar Speed Sign
 - Potential Radar Speed Sign Location
- Note: Locations are approximate.

