



RESOLUTION 2025-35

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, OHIO, BOARD OF TRUSTEES CONDUCT A TRAFFIC STUDY OF RUTHERFORD ROAD FOR THE PURPOSE OF SEEKING A REDUCTION OF THE SPEED LIMIT TO 35 MPH.

WHEREAS, a portion of Rutherford Road falls within the jurisdiction of the City of Powell, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the City of Powell, Ohio intends to reduce the speed limit of the portion of Rutherford Road that falls within the City of Powell from 45 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour to improve safety; and

WHEREAS, the remaining portions of Rutherford Road fall within Liberty Township, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the City of Powell anticipates that the Board of Trustees for Liberty Township would determine, on the basis of an engineering study, that the current speed limit for the portions of Rutherford Road that fall within Liberty Township is greater than is reasonable or safe under the attendant conditions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Powell lacks the authority to unilaterally reduce, or through a resolution seek the reduction of, the speed limit of the portions of Rutherford Road that fall within Liberty Township from 45 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour to improve safety; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees for Liberty Township has the authority under O.R.C. § 4511.21(I) to request that the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation reduce the speed limit in the remaining portions of Rutherford Road that fall within Liberty Township from 45 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour to improve safety;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF POWELL, DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Council for the City of Powell hereby requests that the Board of Trustees for Liberty Township initiate an engineering study that satisfies the criteria established by the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation over the portions of Rutherford Road that fall within Liberty Township to determine whether reducing the current speed limit from 45 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour would improve safety.

Section 2: Council for the City of Powell hereby requests that the Board of Trustees for Liberty Township, should it determine that the current speed limit from 45 miles per the portions of Rutherford Road that fall within Liberty Township should be reduced to 35 miles per hour, request that the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation so reduce the speed limit in the remaining portions of Rutherford Road that fall within Liberty Township to improve safety.

Section 3: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements including the Charter of the City of Powell and Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon adoption.

TSC 9/16/25
Tom Counts Date
Mayor

Elaine McCloskey 9/16/2025
Elaine McCloskey Date
City Clerk

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 16, 2025

This legislation has been posted in accordance with the
City Charter on this date 9/17/2025
EMcCloskey City
Clerk

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