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Town of Stratford To Implement “School Zone” Speed Restrictions

STRATFORD— Mayor John A. Harkins has announced that the Town of Stratford will implement school zone speed restrictions on local roads surrounding Stratford public and private schools.

“We are lucky in Stratford to have a neighborhood school system that allows many children to reap the benefits of walking to school,” said Mayor Harkins. “Unfortunately, motorists are not always mindful of the presence of these schoolchildren on narrow town roads surrounding our schools and exceed posted speed limits. School zones are a cost effective, common sense measure that will help keep our kids safe.”

School zones signage will be installed on town owned roads immediately surrounding all Stratford Public Schools main system facilities, as well as Johnson House, Honeyspot House, and Center School alternative learning facilities, and St. Mark’s Catholic School. School zones will not reduce currently posted speed limits, averaging 25 MPH on local roads, but will double the fines associated with exceeding the posted limit.

Harkins praised the efforts of Councilwoman Kimberly Meuse (D-7) to raise awareness of traffic safety around schools and advocate for the school zones. “Councilwoman Meuse was instrumental in bringing this issue to my attention and advocating for safety enhancements for student pedestrians,” he continued. “As a resident of Wilcoxson Avenue, Kim has witnessed the dangers careless drivers pose to schoolchildren for years, and I’m thankful for her willingness to step forward and help me see this initiative through.”

Implementation of the school zones is slated for the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.

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Schools And Streets Covered

Bunnell and Eli Whitney:

Huntington Rd: two "SCHOOL ZONE AHEAD FINES DOUBLED" two "END SCHOOL ZONE"

Connors Lane: two "SCHOOL ZONE AHEAD FINES DOUBLED" two "END SCHOOL ZONE"

Total signs: 8

Stratford High:

On King St: two "SCHOOL ZONE AHEAD FINES DOUBLED" two "END SCHOOL ZONE"

Total signs: 4

Flood Middle School and Chapel Elementary

On Chapel: two "SCHOOL ZONE AHEAD FINES DOUBLED" two "END SCHOOL ZONE"

On James Farm: two "SCHOOL ZONE AHEAD FINES DOUBLED" two "END SCHOOL ZONE"

Total signs: 8

Wooster Middle School:

Lincoln St: two "SCHOOL ZONE AHEAD FINES DOUBLED" two "END SCHOOL ZONE"

Freeman Ave: two "SCHOOL ZONE AHEAD FINES DOUBLED" two "END SCHOOL ZONE"

Total signs: 8

Franklin Elementary:

Soundview Ave: two "SCHOOL ZONE AHEAD FINES DOUBLED" two "END SCHOOL ZONE"

Mary Ave: two "SCHOOL ZONE AHEAD FINES DOUBLED" two "END SCHOOL ZONE"

Burritt Ave: two "SCHOOL ZONE AHEAD FINES DOUBLED" two "END SCHOOL ZONE"

Barnum Terr: two "SCHOOL ZONE AHEAD FINES DOUBLED" two "END SCHOOL ZONE"

College St: two "SCHOOL ZONE AHEAD FINES DOUBLED" two "END SCHOOL ZONE

Total signs: 20

Lordship Elementary:

Crown St: two "SCHOOL ZONE AHEAD FINES DOUBLED" two "END SCHOOL ZONE

Lordship Rd: two "SCHOOL ZONE AHEAD FINES DOUBLED" two "END SCHOOL ZONE

Pauline St: two "SCHOOL ZONE AHEAD FINES DOUBLED" two "END SCHOOL ZONE

Total signs: 12

Wilcoxson Elementary School:

Wilcoxson Ave: two "SCHOOL ZONE AHEAD FINES DOUBLED" two "END SCHOOL ZONE

Beacon St: two "SCHOOL ZONE AHEAD FINES DOUBLED" two "END SCHOOL ZONE

Total signs: 8

Stratford Academy Johnson House and Stratford Academy Honeyspot House:

Birdseye St two "SCHOOL ZONE AHEAD FINES DOUBLED" two "END SCHOOL ZONE

Everett St: two "SCHOOL ZONE AHEAD FINES DOUBLED" two "END SCHOOL ZONE

Sedgewick Ave: two "SCHOOL ZONE AHEAD FINES DOUBLED" two "END SCHOOL ZONE

Honeyspot Rd: two "SCHOOL ZONE AHEAD FINES DOUBLED" two "END SCHOOL ZONE

Total signs: 16

Center School:

East Broadway: two "SCHOOL ZONE AHEAD FINES DOUBLED" two "END SCHOOL ZONE

Total signs: 4

St Marks School:

Wigwam Ln near Hilltop: two "SCHOOL ZONE AHEAD FINES DOUBLED" two
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ZONE

Total signs: 8