

# Speed Limit Policy

8-16-05

Town of Bar Harbor

In order to standardize the way in which the Town Council processes requests for changes in speed limits on public streets, the Town Council hereby adopts the following “Speed Limit Policy”:

- A. The Bar Harbor Town Council does not have the authority to set speed limits on Town ways.
- B. As provided by State Law (29-A MRSA 2075.3.D), speed limits on Bar Harbor Town ways are set by the State of Maine through the Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Maine State Police.
- C. Requests to the MDOT for speed limit changes shall be made only by the Bar Harbor Town Council.
- D. Requests for speed limit changes shall be placed on the Town Council agenda only:
  - (a) at the request of the Bar Harbor Police Chief, or
  - (b) at the request of a Councilor, or
  - (c) upon receipt of
    - [1] a petition signed by the owners of at least four homes and/or businesses located within the area proposed for the revised speed limit, and
    - [2] a recommendation, for or against the proposal, by the Bar Harbor Parking and Traffic Committee.
- E. The Town Council shall not request the MDOT to change a speed limit until after a public hearing is held, which hearing shall be advertised in the same manner as required for adoption of a Town ordinance.

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## LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

7-19-05 New policy proposed by Councilor  
8-16-05 Formal policy adopted by Council