

Woodrock POA

Speeding and Reckless Driving Policy

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The roads in Woodrock are quite different than roads in the city. Our roads are unpaved, rough, steep in places, quite curvy, very slippery when wet from summer rains, and absolutely treacherous when covered with winter snow and ice. These factors require drivers to have a different driving style than in the city. Four-wheel drive or all-wheel drive are recommended and should be engaged when driving on Woodrock roads. It is very important that we drive slower, take curves more carefully, accelerate more gradually, and be more watchful of other traffic and pedestrians. In other words, **driving with caution is a must.**

Reason for new policy – It may seem that with the speed limit clearly posted throughout the community and common sense would make it unnecessary to have a policy on this subject. However, in the last year we have been experiencing many incidents of fast driving, reckless driving, and people running others off the road. The Board is adopting this new policy to emphasize to everyone in very clear terms what is expected of all who drive in our community and to establish the penalty for not doing so.

With this in mind, the WPOA Board has adopted these two driving regulations:

1. Speed – There is a 20 MPH speed limit on all roads within the community.
2. Reckless Driving – Regardless of road conditions, drivers must be in complete control of their vehicle at all times. **NO** skidding around curves, **NO** cutting of corners, **NO** driving on the wrong side of the road, **NO** jackrabbit starts or stops.

For the benefit and safety of the members of the community, The Board is very committed to enforcement of these regulations. All residents of Woodrock are urged to report cases of speeding or reckless driving to the Board **in writing** whether the vehicles are driven by contractors, residents, delivery services, or guests. Please provide the date, time, exact location, vehicle description and license number of violators if at all possible. All reported incidents will be vetted by the Board.

Property owners are encouraged to make members of their household and visitors to their homes aware of this policy. Property owners will be held accountable for violations by all members of their households and visitors. Fines for violations will be assessed to the property owner.

The validation process will include eye-witness accounts and physical evidence; however, speed gun information will be the primary source of validation when possible. The board has decided to utilize WPOA funds to purchase a speed gun for members of the Board to utilize for monitoring speed on a regular basis.

Residents with validated violations will receive one warning letter from the Board. Additional violations within one year of the first warning letter will result in a fine of up to \$100 per violation at the discretion of the Board based on frequency and severity of the violations. Residents who receive a warning letter or a notification of a fine may request a meeting with the Board and are encouraged to do so. Residents may request a meeting with the Board at any time prior to the due date of the fine.

Non-residents will be handled through their respective channels.