| Topic | Existing Code | PO 2018-0161 (vs KCC) |
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| Definitions | KCC 14.01 | §2-19: Definitions added |
| Traffic engineer general duty | Per MTO (WAC 308-330-260(2)* Determine the installation and maintenance of traffic control devices
* Conduct engineering analysis of traffic accidents and to device remedial measures
* Conduct engineering investigations of traffic conditions
* Plan the operation of traffic on the highways of the local authority
* Cooperate with other officials… to improve traffic conditions
* Carry out add’l powers and duties imposed by local ord.
 | §21. Same as MTO  |
| Traffic engineer authority | KCC 46.04. See MTO (WAC 308-330-265); alsoKCC 46.04.080. Can erect and maintain traffic control devices for temporary gross weight limits as directed by CRE | §22. Same as MTO with following deletions and changes:Deletions:~~(20). Install parking meters in the established parking meter zones upon the curb adjacent to each designated parking space;~~~~(21). Designate the parking space adjacent to each parking meter for which the meter is to be used by appropriate markings upon the curb and/or the pavement of the highway;~~Changes from MTO:(C) designate and maintain, by appropriate devices, marks, or lines upon the surface of the roadway, crosswalks at intersections where the traffic engineer ~~in his/her opinion there is particular danger to pedestrians crossing the roadway, and in such other places as he/she may~~ deems necessary;(G) To place official traffic control devices within or adjacent to intersections indicating the course to be traveled by vehicles turning at such intersections~~, in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, and such course to be traveled as so indicated may conform to or be other than as prescribed by law~~;(3M) To determine and designate by proper signs places ~~not exceeding one hundred feet in length~~ in which the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles would create an especially hazardous condition or would cause unusual delay to traffic;(3T) ~~To post appropriate signs making it~~ Designating certain locations as unlawful for pedestrians to use when crossing highways, ~~in certain crosswalks~~ when such crossing would endanger either pedestrian or vehicular traffic using the highway, and posting appropriate signs at those locations; |
| Speed limit Revisions – authority to revise | KCC 46.04.040. RCW 46.61.415‑1 is amended as follows:Speed limit revisions.A. The director of the department of transportation is empowered to revise existing speed limits on all streets and roads within this county as authorized by state law; provided, that such speed limit revisions shall not exceed ten miles per hour  | §23A. The county council has determined that after the road engineer has conducted an engineering and traffic investigation of a county road that establishes the maximum speed permitted under state law is greater or less than is reasonable and safe under the conditions found to exist thereon, the maximum limit may be changed to: 1. Decrease the limit at intersections; or 2. Increase the limit but not to more than sixty miles per hour; or 3. Decrease the limit but not to less than twenty miles per hour.Note: these limits match RCW 46.61.415 |
| Speed limit revisions – engineering and traffic investigation  | KCC 46.04.040. RCW 46.61.415‑1 is amended as follows:A. … any determination of the proper numerical value for a speed zone will be based upon the following engineering and traffic investigation factors: 1. Road surface characteristics, shoulder conditions, grade, alignment and sight distance; 2. The eighty‑five percentile speed and pace speed; 3. Roadside development and culture, and roadside friction; 4. Safe speed for curves or hazardous locations within the zone; 5. Parking practices and pedestrian activity; 6. Reported accident experience for a recent twelve‑month period. | §23B. Traffic engineer conducts the investigation at the direction of the road engineer. A member of the public may request the road engineer to direct that an investigation be conducted.Same engineering and traffic investigation factors, except item 6. Reported accident experience will be for the preceding thirty-six months, instead of a recent twelve-month period. |
| Speed limit revisions – codified | KCC 46.04.050. * Establishes a 25 mph speed limit on county roads within a residence district or a business district
* Establishes maximum speed limits per road schedules 1-6 and 24.
* Prohibits motor vehicle travel in a direction other than as signed on roads and alleys in schedule 10
 | Repealed. PO 2017-0180, Sections 6 and 7 would establish maximum speed limits as follows:* 25 mph in a designated urban area or rural town, except where a different speed limit has been posted; otherwise
* 35 mph upon any county road, except where a different speed limit has been posted
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| Speed limit revisions – public comment  | N/A | §23C. If traffic engineer finds that a change is appropriate, the traffic engineer provides a public comment period of at least 14 days and may hold a public meeting to solicit input. Comments may be provided by letter or email. |
| Speed limit revisions – public notice | N/A | §23C. Traffic engineer shall publish notice of the public comment period in a newspaper of general circulation in the area where the change in the existing speed limit is proposed |
| Speed limit revisions – when effective | N/A | §23G. the change takes place when signs giving notice of the revision are erected, doesn’t require county road engineer to concur with the traffic engineer’s recommendation in order for a change to be made. |
| Speed limit revisions – notice of change | N/A | §23G. County road engineer reports all changes by filing a report to the council; also files a report with the sheriff and the records and licensing services division of DES and maintains a copy of the change report available to the public. |
| Speed limit revisions - appeal | KCC 46.04.040(B)Appeals of the KCDOT director’s action may be appealed to the King County Council. The appeal must be filed in writing within 30 calendar days from the date of posting of speed zone | §23E, §24. A person may file to the clerk of the council a written appeal of the speed limit change within 30 business days from the date that the signs giving notice of the speed limit change are erected. The appeal must include information as to why the engineering and traffic investigations do not support the proposed speed limit change. The hearing examiner will hear the appeal and recommend to council whether the appeal should be granted §30, 31 requires HE to include findings on whether the change in speed limit is supported by the factors listed in in §23B§24 revises §5 of PO 2017-0179 to consolidate list of hearing examiner’s duties |
| Maximum speed limits – list | N/A | §26. Traffic engineer to maintain a list of all county roads with a designation of maximum speed limits, to be published on the RSD’s website. |
| County road engineer authority | KCC 46.04.065. Can impose temporary gross weight limits on bridgesKCC 14.12.010. Can close county roads or bridges to prevent serious damage or destruction (temporarily or permanently); Can issue special use permits for school buses, emergency vehicles and trucks.[[1]](#footnote-1) | §27, 28, 10. Same, but adds May designate school speed zonesAuthorized to designate one way county roads, change speed limitsMay set reduced temporary speed limits |
| User fees for electric vehicle charging station | KCC 4A.700.700 | §32. Updates references for impoundments to new Title 14A. No other substantive changes. |
| Parking Fee Enforcement | KCC 7.09.030. Allows for appeal of a parking fee violation to the director | §33. Repeats code (error; exec requests technical amendment to delete) |
| Parking Fee Enforcement Impoundment | KCC 7.09.100 | §34 updates references for impoundments to new Title 14A. No other substantive changes. |
| Sidewalk maintenance | N/A[[2]](#footnote-2) | §35. It is unlawful to permit the accumulation of snow, ice, trash or any other matter that impedes the normal flow of pedestrian traffic on a sidewalk abutting the owner's property. The county road engineer shall notify the property owner by certified mail that they must take actions to restore the ability of pedestrians to utilize the sidewalk abutting the owner’s property.If the property owner does not restore pedestrian access across the sidewalk abutting the owner’s property within three business days after notification from the county road engineer set forth above, the director of the department of transportation may have the sidewalk cleaned and the cost of cleaning shall be assessed against the property owner as provided in K.C.C. 14.52.020.(Note: that section of code provides a 60 day window to pay county costs for cleanup before the cost is assessable against the abutting property owner and becomes a lien against the property if not paid.) |

1. Trucks transporting perishable commodities or commodities necessary for the health and welfare of local residents during periods of the closures [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Inadvertently proposed for deletion in the code update adopted by Ordinance 18420 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)