ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA, TITLE VII: TRAFFIC CODE, CHAPTER 74: TRAFFIC SCHEDULES, SCHEDULE VII (SPEED LIMITS ON CITY MAINTAINED STREETS) TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ON WEST MAIN STREET EXTENSION

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lincolnton, North Carolina, is authorized by North Carolina General Statutes § 160A-296 and § 20-141(e) to regulate the speed of vehicles on municipal streets within its jurisdiction in the interest of public safety and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, a formal petition was submitted by residents of the City of Lincolnton requesting a reduction in the posted speed limit on West Main Street Extension from thirty-five (35) miles per hour to twenty-five (25) miles per hour due to public safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, staff has reviewed the petition, considered traffic safety conditions on said roadway, and determined that establishing a lower speed limit is reasonable, prudent, and necessary to protect the safety of pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Lincolnton, North Carolina, that:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT OF CODE OF ORDINANCES

Title VII (Traffic Code), Chapter 74 (Traffic Schedules), Schedule VII (Speed Limits on City Maintained Streets) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lincolnton, North Carolina, is hereby amended by modifying the existing speed limit designated for West Main Street Extension and enacting the following addition to Schedule VII:

Street Name	Location / Segment	Speed Limit
West Main Street Extension	Entirety (Within Municipal Limits)	25 MPH

SECTION 2. INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNS

City Staff is hereby authorized and directed to procure and erect appropriate signage giving notice of the revised twenty-five (25) miles per hour speed limit on West Main Street Extension in accordance with applicable traffic control standards.

SECTION 3. ENFORCEABILITY AND PENALTIES

Upon the installation of official speed limit signs along West Main Street Extension, the revised speed limit established herein shall become fully enforceable by law enforcement, and violations shall be subject to the penalties set forth in the City of Lincolnton Code of Ordinances and North Carolina law.

SECTION 4. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

All ordinances, motions, or provisions of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lincolnton in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, invalid, or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon its passage, posting, and the erection of official traffic control signs reflecting the revised speed limit.

DULY ADOPTED AND ENACTED this _____ day of _____, 20____, by the City Council of the City of Lincolnton, North Carolina.

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NORTH CAROLINA

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Ed Hatley, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Daphne Ingram, City Clerk