Letter of Intent from Municipality to MDOT

DATE:_____________________

To: Commissioner of Maine Department of Transportation
16 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0016

From: Municipality of ______________________

SPEED LIMITS

Pursuant to 29-A MRSA § 2075, §-3, as amended by PL 2001, Chapter 313, the municipal officers of this municipality are hereby notifying the MDOT that we have decided to accept responsibility for establishing speed limits on all of our federally classified local townways. This is effective immediately and it is understood that this responsibility will include the following requirements:

1) that this municipality understands that we will now have full responsibility and authority to determine speed limits on only the aforementioned public roads and that the authority to regulate State and State Aid highways remains with the MDOT,

2) that all speed zoning will be done following the procedures and standards as stated in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), including the determination of the 85th percentile speed, where practical,

3) that the actual speed limits must adhere to the limits as stated in the statute,

4) that roadside notification of all speed zones will be done with standard signs as shown in the MUTCD,

5) that all speed zones will be validated through a municipal traffic ordinance pursuant to 30-A MRSA § 3009,

6) that this municipality will officially notify the Commissioner of the MDOT of all speed zones on a form approved by the MDOT,

7) that if these steps are not followed, then it is possible that the speed limits are unenforceable.

Sincerely,

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(authorized municipal official)