

SEMAIHMOO RESORT ASSOCIATION

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December 5, 2005

Chief Haslip
Blaine Police Department
City of Blaine
PO Box 490
Blaine, WA 98230

Via Email: MHaslip@cityofblaine.com and US Mail

RE: Patrolling behind the gates at Semiahmoo

Dear Chief Haslip:

As you may recall, in 2003 you met with the Semiahmoo Resort Association (SRA) Board of Directors to discuss the above referenced subject. For the past several months the Board has been discussing the topic of "traffic calming" behind the gates. They have considered different options, and at the last Board meeting held on November 15th determined that due to the growth in the neighborhoods, assistance from the Blaine Police Department (BPD) is needed. Thus, the Board is asking the BPD to patrol behind the gates and issue speeding tickets, etc. for traffic violations that are observed by police officers (normal patrol service that is performed throughout Blaine).

I understand from reviewing House Bill 1379 which passed Legislature – 2003 Regular Session (copy enclosed) that signs have to be posted declaring the speed limit at all vehicle entrances to the community. During your presentation to the Board on June 24, 2003 you said "*the lowest enforceable speed limit that the BPD can enforce is 20 miles per hour*". Thus, the SRA is in the process of ordering new signage to comply with this requirement (as some of the gates have posted limits of 5 or 15 mph). This letter also serves as a formal request for you to pursue this matter with the Blaine City Council to have an agreement drafted between the City and the SRA (per your comments on 6/24/03).

Upon your confirmation of this letter, a letter will be sent to the entire SRA membership in January.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. The SRA looks forward to hearing from you or the City once this issue is discussed with the City Council. Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please feel free to contact me at 371-7796 or via email: debbie@semiahmooresortassociation.com.

Best regards,

Debbie Smith
Administrative Director

Enclosure

cc: Board of Directors

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

HOUSE BILL 1379

Chapter 193, Laws of 2003

58th Legislature
2003 Regular Session

TRAFFIC CONTROL--PRIVATE ROADS

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/27/03

Passed by the House April 21, 2003
Yeas 89 Nays 8

FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate April 16, 2003
Yeas 45 Nays 4

BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

Approved May 9, 2003.

GARY LOCKE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Cynthia Zehnder, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1379** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

CYNTHIA ZEHNDER

Chief Clerk

FILED

May 9, 2003 - 4:09 p.m.

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

HOUSE BILL 1379

AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

Passed Legislature - 2003 Regular Session

State of Washington 58th Legislature 2003 Regular Session

By Representatives Ericksen, Bush and Anderson

Read first time 01/24/2003. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1 AN ACT Relating to agreements with cities, towns, and counties for
2 traffic control on private roads by local law enforcement personnel;
3 and adding a new section to chapter 46.61 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.61 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 State, local, or county law enforcement personnel may enforce
8 speeding violations under RCW 46.61.400 on private roads within a
9 community organized under chapter 64.38 RCW if:

10 (1) A majority of the homeowner's association's board of directors
11 votes to authorize the issuance of speeding infractions on its private
12 roads, and declares a speed limit not lower than twenty miles per hour;

13 (2) A written agreement regarding the speeding enforcement is
14 signed by the homeowner's association president and the chief law
15 enforcement official of the city or county within whose jurisdiction
16 the private road is located;

17 (3) The homeowner's association has provided written notice to all
18 of the homeowners describing the new authority to issue speeding
19 infractions; and

1 (4) Signs have been posted declaring the speed limit at all vehicle
2 entrances to the community.

Passed by the House April 21, 2003.

Passed by the Senate April 16, 2003.

Approved by the Governor May 9, 2003.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State May 9, 2003.