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**Framingham Speed Limit Decreasing from 30 mph to 25 mph  
In Thickly Settled Neighborhoods and Business Districts**

**FRAMINGHAM, MA** – The Department of Public Works will be installing new "Thickly Settled, 25 mph" speed limit signs throughout the City. The Traffic Commission and City Council recently voted to adopt legislation that allows cities and towns to implement a statutory 25 mph speed limit in thickly settled neighborhoods and business districts. The speed limit will apply to all thickly settled neighborhoods, city-wide unless posted otherwise.

Mass. General Law chap. 90 § 1 defines a thickly settled neighborhood as, "territory contiguous to any way which is built up with structures devoted to business, or the territory contiguous to any way where dwelling houses are situated at such distances as will average less than two hundred feet between them for a distance of a quarter of a mile or over."

Although the DPW will install a generous number of signs to inform the public, the law does not require such signs to be present for the 25 mph limit to be enforced. All that is required are for signs to be installed at the primary entry points to the community. *Motorists are expected to know if they are traveling in a thickly settled area or business district.*

Most of the City is covered by this speed limit. Unless otherwise posted, people should consider the speed limit to be 25 mph.

The Police Department will immediately begin enforcing the new 25 mph speed limit. We anticipate handing out several warnings at first. However, that will not always be the case. Motorists can expect strict enforcement in a very short time.

Please see the following example of the signs being installed.



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