



SETTING SPEED LIMITS ON LOCAL ROADS IN WYOMING

To help local governments in Wyoming set speed limits, the Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) and the Wyoming Technology Transfer Center (WYT²/LTAP) developed standards and guidelines for establishing speed limits on local roads. The standards and guidelines were approved by local agencies and signed into law by the Governor of Wyoming. The new standards require a Professional Engineer (P.E.) to sign and stamp each new speed limit declaration form rather than the WYDOT chief engineer.



Any speed limit, other than a statutory speed limit that is posted on a Wyoming road, must follow the developed standards. The following are the statutory speed limits in Wyoming:

- (a) 20 mph in school zones
- (b) 30 mph in urban districts, as defined by W.S. 31-5-102
- (c) 30 mph in any residence district, as defined by W.S. 31-5-102
- (d) 30 mph in any subdivision, pursuant to W.S. 18-5-304
- (e) 75 mph on interstate highways
- (f) 65 mph on all other paved roadways
- (g) 55 mph on all other unpaved roadways

According to the new standards, there are two procedures for setting speed limits on local roads in Wyoming. The first one is for setting speed limits on local paved roads and the second is for setting speed limits on unpaved roads. For both procedures, the steps for setting speed limits are shown in Figure 1.

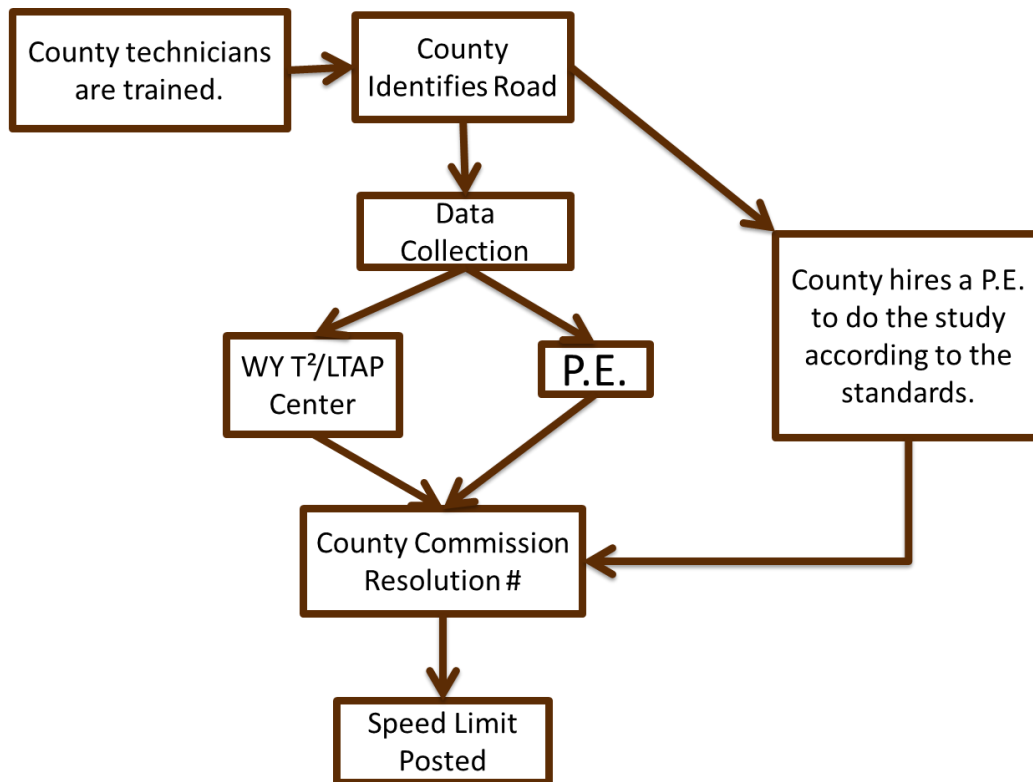


Figure 1: Steps for setting speed limits

The standards, data collection forms and excel spreadsheets for setting speed limits on paved and unpaved roads can be found on the WYT²/LTAP website at www.uwyo.edu/wyt2. On the left side of the homepage there is a link that says “Setting Speed Limits”. Under that tab, there are four categories: standards, data collection for paved roads, data collection for unpaved roads, and declaration of speed limits forms.

If you need any help with setting up speed limits please feel free to contact the Wyoming Local Technical Assistance Program.

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