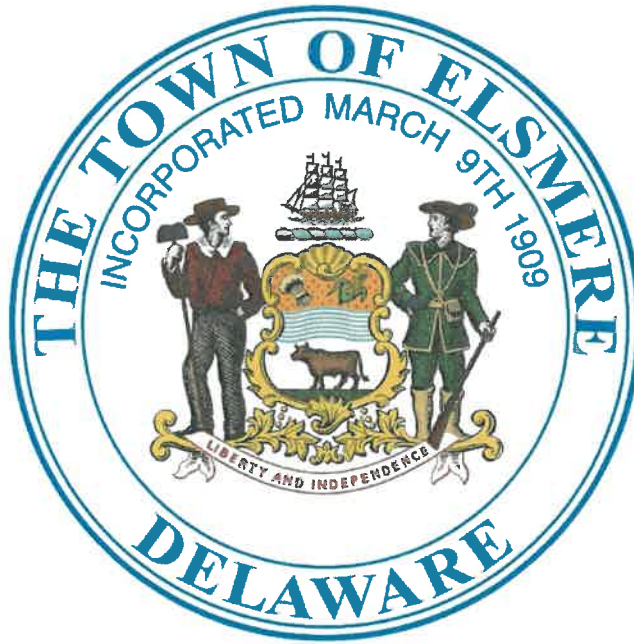




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Sponsored By: Councilman Erik Ellison

First and Second Reading: September 10, 2026 Council Meeting

Results: **Passed** 7 In Favor, 0 Opposed

Third and Final Reading: October 8, 2026 Council Meeting

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WHEREAS, The Mayor and Council of the Town of Elsmere desire to provide its citizens with the assurance of safety upon the municipal highways within the boundaries of the Town of Elsmere; and

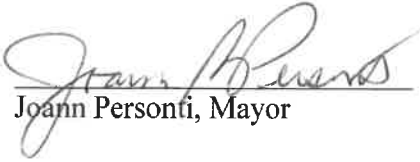
WHEREAS, the State of Delaware has enacted Title 21 relating to the operation of motor vehicles;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ELSMERE, AS FOLLOWS:

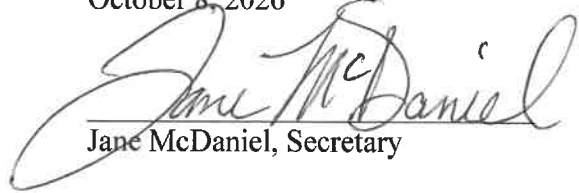
1. Title 21 of the Delaware Code, as amended, has been adopted as the law within the Boundaries of Elsmere and all sections of Title 21.
2. The Elsmere Traffic Code shall include all offenses and language currently or subsequently included in Title 21 of the Delaware Code, with the exception of penalties for offenses, which are defined in Table 3 D of this Ordinance.
3. Penalties for specific offenses defined in the Elsmere Traffic Code (Title 35) shall be established in Table 3 D, attached hereto and incorporated herewith.
4. This ordinance shall not usurp for or convey upon the Mayor and Council any responsibilities or duties which, under Title 21 of the Delaware Code are the exclusive jurisdiction of the State of Delaware.
5. All ordinances or sections thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed and/or amended to the extent of the inconsistency.
6. If any part of this ordinance or Title 21 of the Delaware Code shall be held invalid, such part shall be deemed severable, and the invalidity thereof, shall be deemed severable, and the invalidity thereof, shall not affect the remaining parts of this ordinance or Title 21 of the Delaware Code.
7. Other ordinances or parts of other ordinances deemed to be in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed and super ceded to the extent that other such ordinances or parts of ordinances are in conflict, provided that such repeal shall not abate a right of action already accrued under any repealed ordinance.

8. The Town Secretary shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and this Ordinance shall take full force and effect immediately after the date of final passage and approval.

First and Second Reading
September 10, 2026


Joann Personfi, Mayor

Third and Final Reading
October 8, 2026


Jane McDaniel, Secretary

Approved as to form:


Town Solicitor

**SYNOPSIS
ORDINANCE 694**

This Ordinance adopts the State of Delaware Traffic Code. This will update some fines and correct School Zone Speeding Violations.

Fiscal Impact:

This Ordinance is anticipated to have no expenses.

**TABLE 3 D
*Penalties for Offenses***

Any person violation the provisions of the Elsmere Traffic Code (Title 35) shall be fined according to the penalty sections of Title 21 of the Delaware Code, with the following exceptions:

RULES OF THE ROAD

35 / 4123 a	Following Too Close	\$75.00
35 / 4155 b	Failure to Signal	\$75.00
35 / 4164 a	Fail to stop at stop sign	\$75.00
35 / 4169 00a3 V	Speeding Exceeding 20 MPH (School Zone)	
	1 to 9 over limit	\$75.00
	10 to 14 over limit	\$95.00
	15 to 19 over limit	\$125.00
	20 to 29 over limit	\$200.00
	30 or more over limit	\$300.00
35 / 4172 b	Speed Exhibition / spin tires	\$75.00
35 / 4802	Seatbelt Violation	
“ g(2)a	Secondary Offense (2 nd Violation)	\$50.00 civil penalty
“ g(2)c	Primary Offense	\$75.00 civil penalty