Proposed final draft for discussion** Board did not approve this - decided to table it for now and revert to our existing policies

Town of Hardwick
Select Board Policy Regarding Postings, Signage, Banners, Public Art & Displays

The purpose of this policy is to establish the use of Town- owned property by private citizens for the posting of signs, banners or artistic installations related to local, state, national and/or global events or issues. The Town of Hardwick, through its Select Board, reserves the right to allow, restrict, and/or forbid the use of Town owned property for such purposes.

Section 1. Signs

Per the Hardwick Unified Development Bylaws, Amended September 26, 2019, "Temporary signs or banners advertising public or community events, to be displayed in designated locations on town property with the prior permission of the Select Board, which shall be removed immediately following the event" are exempt from zoning regulations.

Specifically, but not exclusively, the Hardwick Select Board prohibits the placement of any additional signage, postings, or advertisement on Town property or within the Town rights-of-way at the intersection of Routes 14 and 15 at the "blinking light". This is for traffic safety as signs at this location can obstruct line of sight at the intersection.

This policy is not intended to conflict with or supersede Town of Hardwick Zoning Regulations that pertain to signage (Article §3.13) and follows Article 3 Table 3.2 A8 of the Zoning regulations.

Section 2. Public Art Installation & Temporary Displays

Extended Public Art displays may be installed on Town owned property such as the Hardwick Town House, the Jeudevine Memorial Library, the Hardwick Historical Society, the Memorial Park and the Hardwick Farmer's Market with permission of the leadership of the organizations that manage or operate those sites and the Hardwick Select Board.

The safety of individuals and property is of primary concern when selecting public art and locations to display artworks. Caution will be used when selecting a location as pertains to the setbacks, power line clearance and stability. The Hardwick Streetscapes department will be responsible for working around the works on display; if it is found that this is too cumbersome for the Town, then the artist or organization will be contacted to arrange their own maintenance.

Liability will rest in the hands of the individual artists regarding damage to their individual pieces and regarding any injury that may come to a person or property as a result of the artwork. A waiver will be signed by each artist before any art is placed on town property. The artist must agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Town of Hardwick, it's officers, employees, and agents from and against all claims of whatever nature arise from any accident, injury or damage claimed to have resulted from the display of the artist's artwork on Town owned property.

Temporary public art displays and signage/posters expressing activism around current events and issues are allowed ONLY in the public park known as the "Peace Park" located at 42 S. Main Street between the Hardwick Gazette building and Mike's Service Center. Public art with a theme

of peace and equity may remain in place for a period of two - four weeks. Postings that are taken down will be available for pick-up at the Town Offices for a period of one week before they are recycled or disposed of. If the postings are damaged, outdated, in disrepair or illegible due to weather or other means, they may be immediately removed at the discretion of the Town or its agents.

All extended and temporary public artwork will be allowed on Town owned property from May 1 through October 31.

Section 3. Banners

Banners (65ft.) that are hung over the road are allowed **ONLY** on Wolcott Street in a single designated area. They must meet existing zoning regulations and Hardwick Electric Department specifications. (See HED Guidelines for Displaying Banners)

The Town of Hardwick does NOT accept liability of physical damage, accident or injury that may arise from to or by any posted signs, banners or artistic installations.

The Town Manager, Public Works, Police Department, the Zoning Administrator, and members of the Select Board or their agents are authorized to remove any postings that are in violation of this policy.

This policy replaces the previously adopted and approved policies: Non-Permitted Sign Locations adopted/approved December 1, 2011 and Art on Public Property adopted/approved April 20, 2006.

Adopted this ____ day of September 2020.

Town of Hardwick
Select Board:

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Eric Remick, Chair

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Elizabeth Dow, Vice Chair

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Shari Cornish

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Ceilidh Galloway-Kane

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"COMMUNITY IS OUR MIDDLE NAME"

August 17, 2020

Dear Select Board Members,

Due to the ongoing pandemic, a number of established non-profit organizations in the community have come together to collaborate on town appropriation requests for the 2021 Town Meeting.

Rural Community Transportation, Umbrella, Northeast Kingdom Human Services, and Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging have collected signatures and been on the ballot for appropriations in your town for many years.

We are asking that this year, out of concern for the safety of the public and our staff and volunteers, you waive the petition signature requirement. Each of our organizations contributes to the community in significant and positive ways.

We at RCT, Umbrella, NKHS and the Council on Aging rely on the town appropriations in order to provide all of the services necessary to keep our community safe and healthy. In these uncertain times, the appropriations are even more important. We hope you will consider this request, and understand the intent is to provide the best services possible, to as many as we can, as safely as possible.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Representatives from these collaborating organizations would love to join a Select Board meeting to discuss this further.

Best,

Nick D'Agostino, Executive Director, RCT

Amanda Cochrane, Executive Director, Umbrella

Tomasz Jankowski, President and CEO, Northeast Kingdom Human Services

Meg Burmeister, Executive Director, Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging

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TOWN OF HARDWICK, VERMONT

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST POLICY

PURPOSE

To insure the fair and equitable treatment of all Groups/Organizations requesting articles to be included in the Warning of Town Meeting.

SCOPE

Covers all requests for Articles to be included in the Warning for Town Meeting and amends and supersedes any and all Town of Hardwick Select Board Appropriation Policy(s).

POLICY

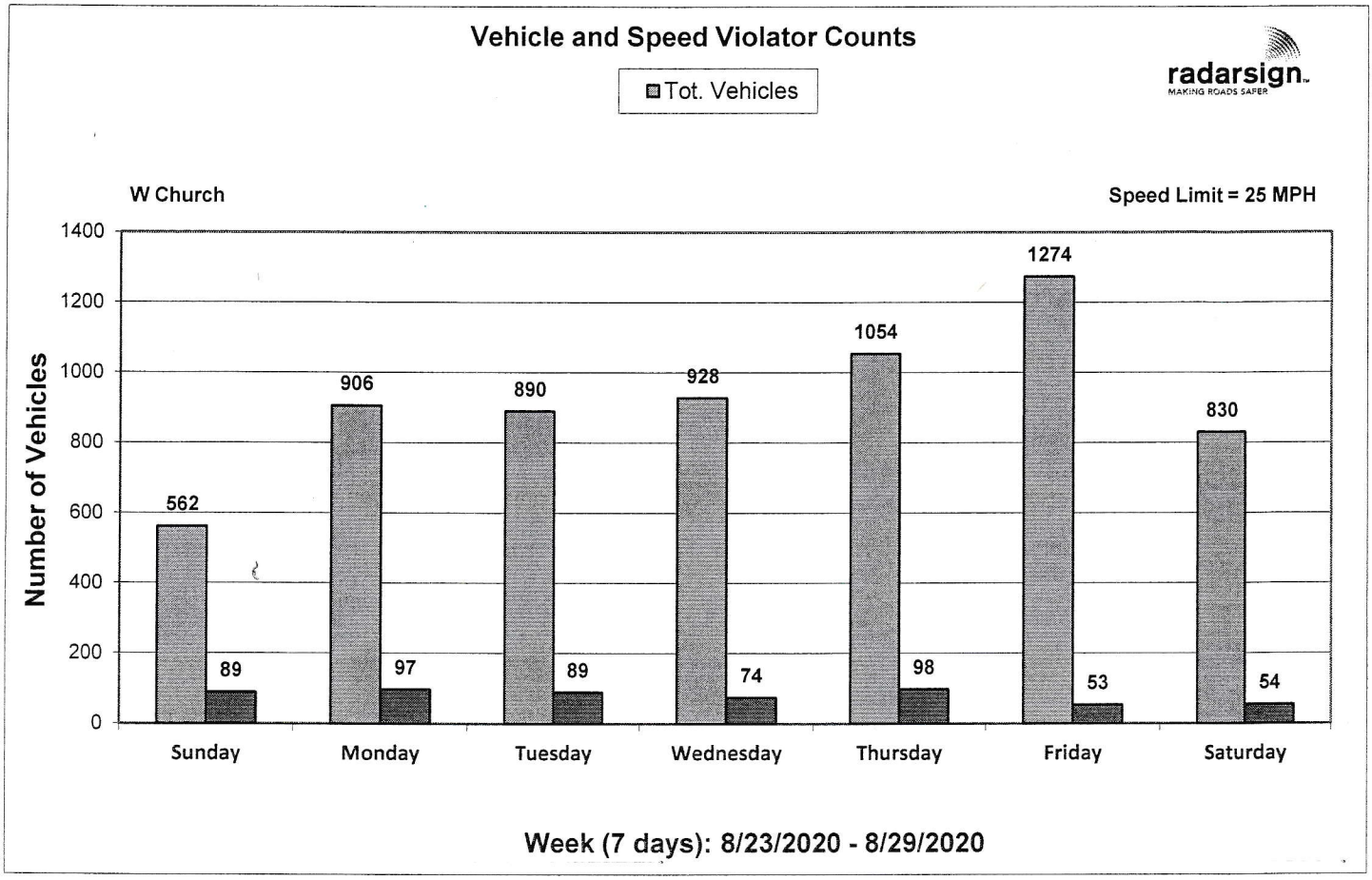
The Town of Hardwick Select Board hereby enacts the following Policy with respect to all requests for appropriations:

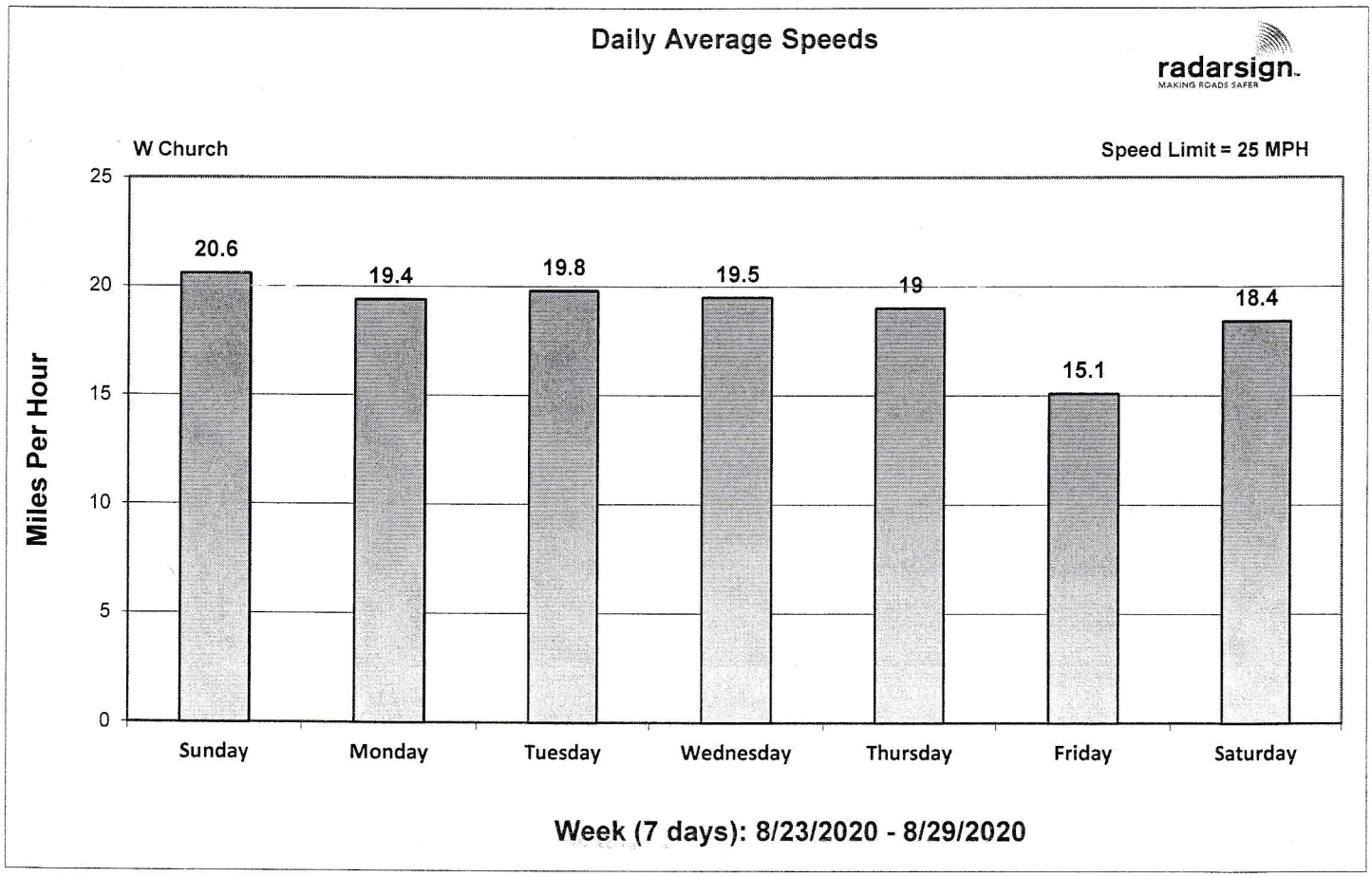
1. A petition, signed by at least five percent (5%) of the registered voters of the Town of Hardwick, must be obtained and submitted to the Town Clerk's office.
2. Only those petitions which are verified as, having valid signatures, will be placed on the Warning. The Town Clerk will have sole responsible to determine the validity of the signatures. The Town Clerk will notify the applicant if the five percent (5%) threshold is met.
3. Along with the above petition, a summary of the Groups/Organizations activities, how those activities benefit the citizens of the Town of Hardwick and the amount of money the Group/Organization is requesting, must be included.
4. The **annual deadline** to receive a valid request for inclusion in the warning is December 31, of each year.
5. Once a valid petition has been received, is consider timely and determined by the Town Clerk to contain five percent (5%) of the registered voters of the Town of Hardwick, **the Group/Organization shall not be required to re-petition for a period of three (3) years unless the amount being requested increases.**

November 5, 2009
Date Adopted

Marcus Brown, Board Chairman

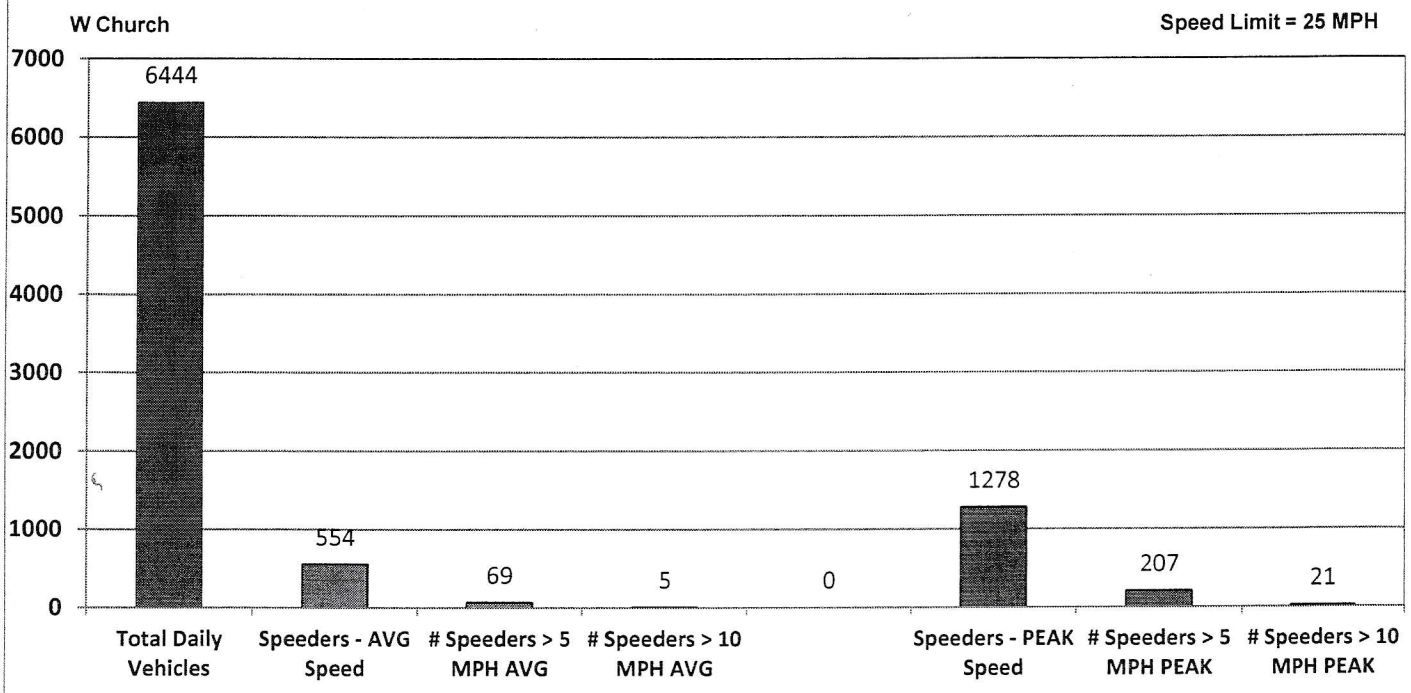
Charts Report





Charts Report

Weekly Speed Summary - Vehicle Counts



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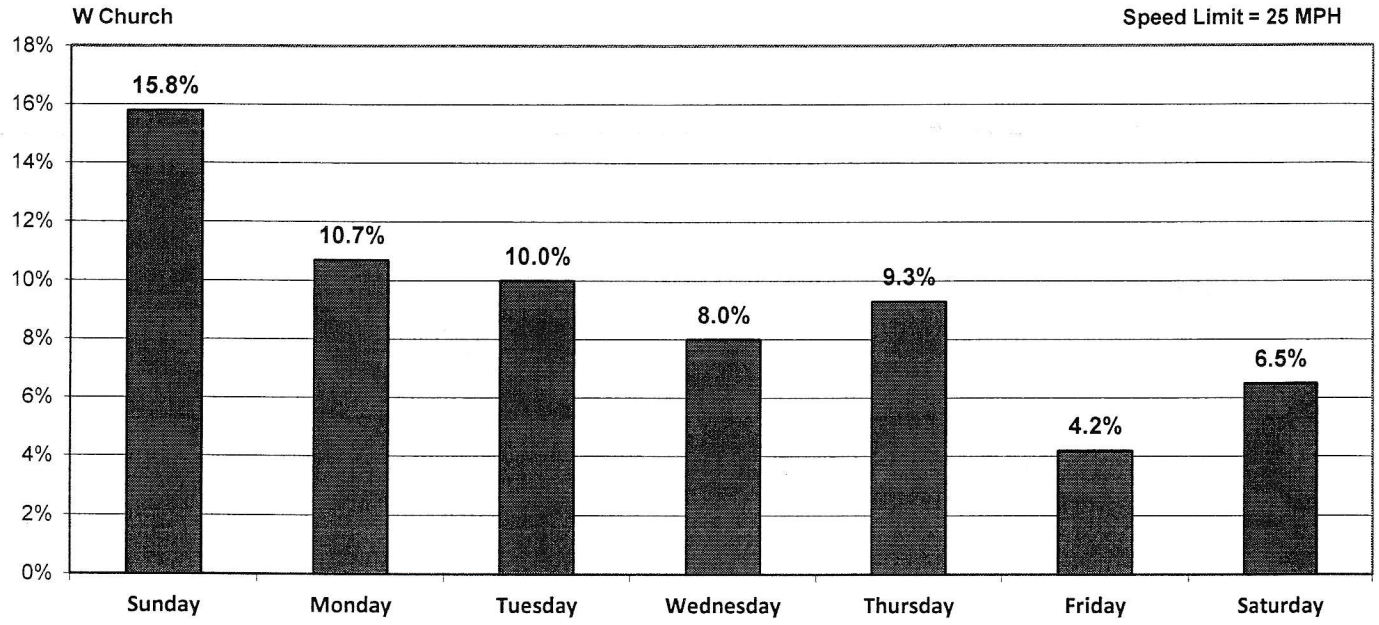

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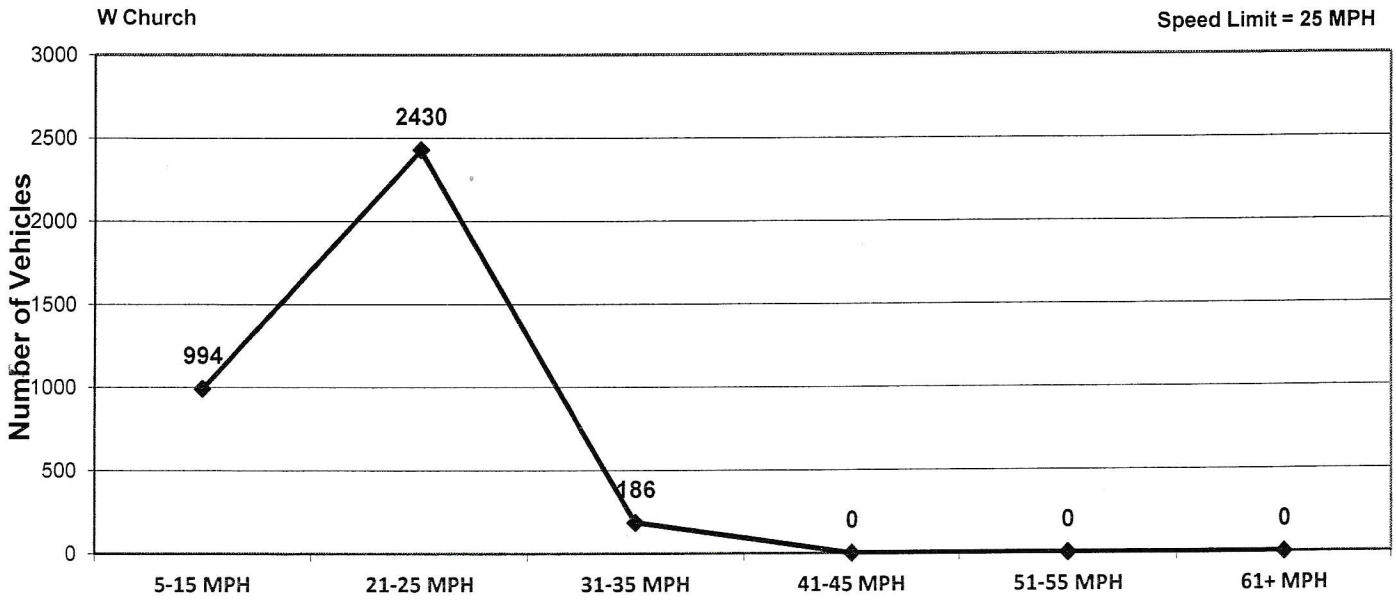
Charts Report

Vehicle Count by Peak Speed Bins



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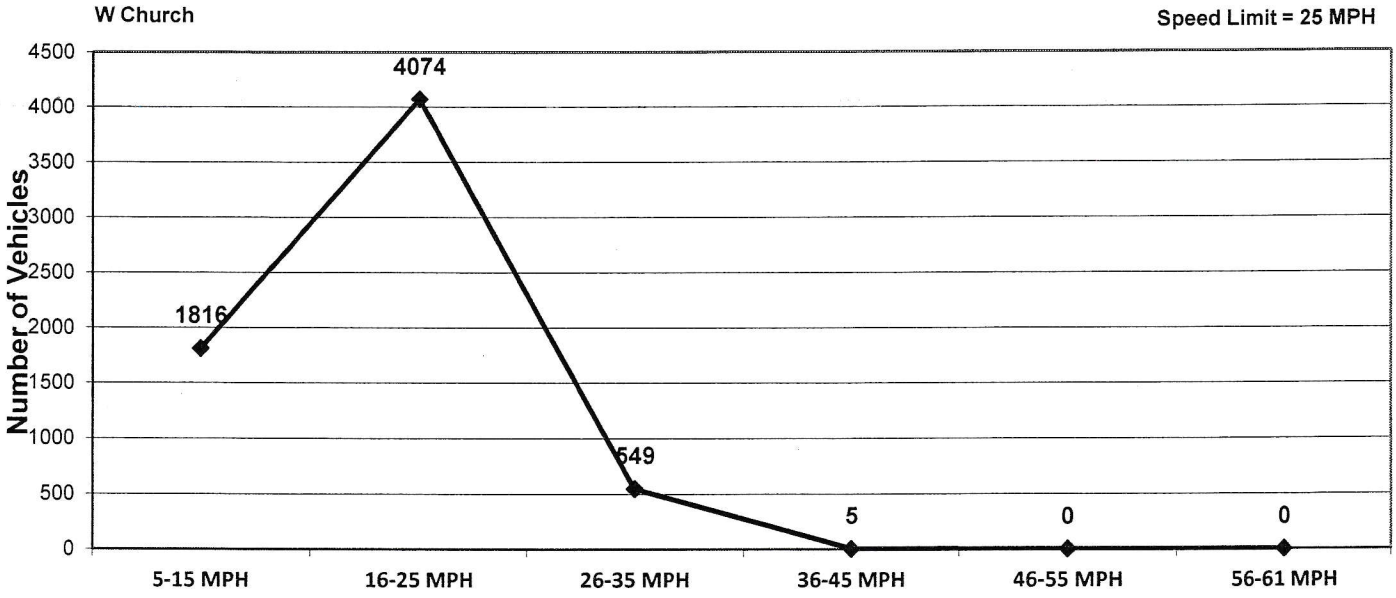

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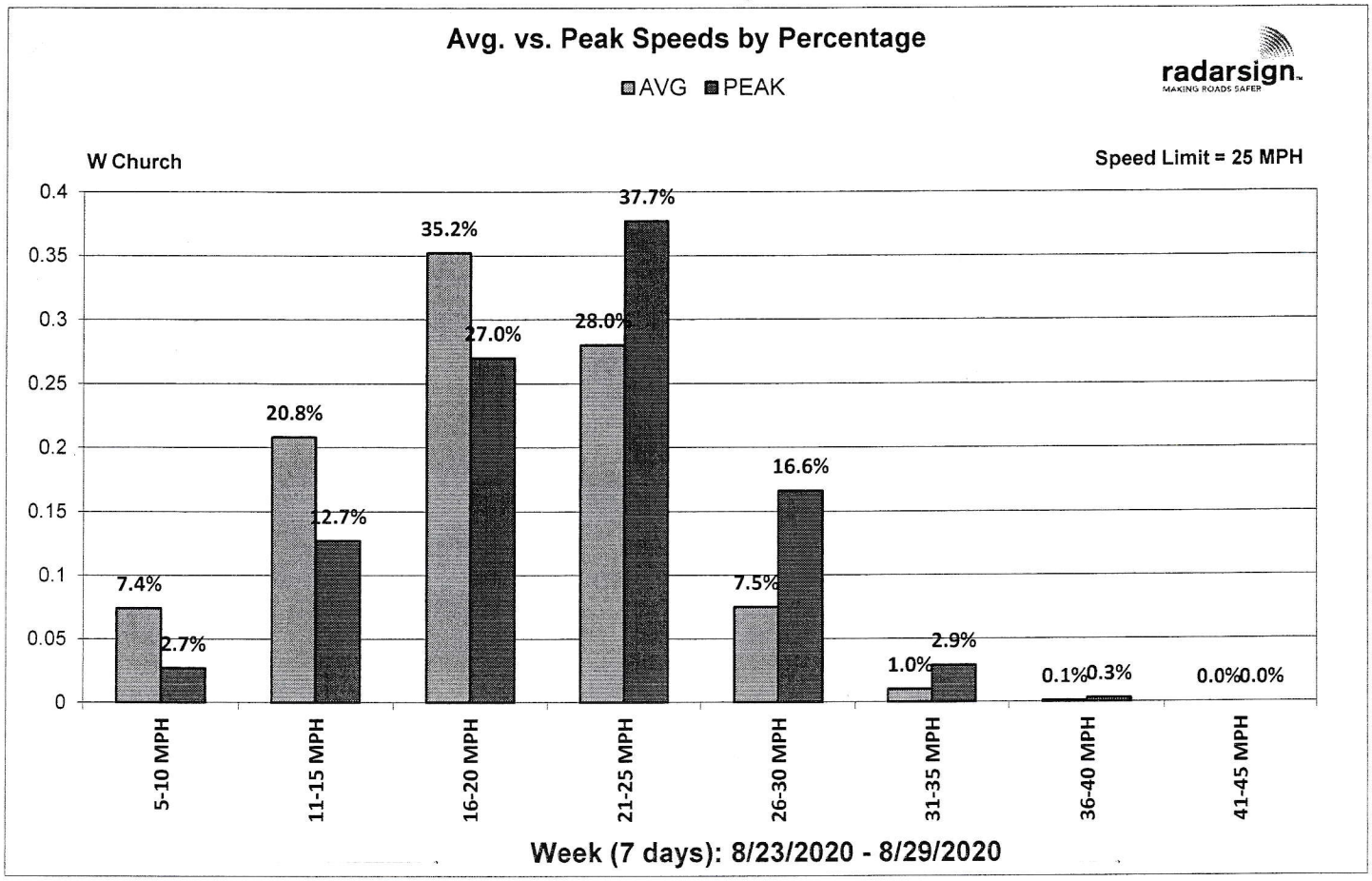
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