



Ordinance Fact Sheet

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: January 10, 2005

FROM: CITY ATTORNEY

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING SECTIONS 10.48.010 AND 10.48.030 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING SPEED LIMITS IN THE CITY OF PASADENA (ARROYO BOULEVARD, RAYMOND AVENUE AND ARROYO PARKWAY)

TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE:

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BACKGROUND

On December 13, 2004, the City Council directed the City Attorney to return within 90 days with an ordinance to modify the proposed speed limits on Arroyo Boulevard, Raymond Avenue and Arroyo Parkway as noted below:

<u>Street</u>	<u>Limits</u>	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Approved</u>
Arroyo Boulevard	North City Limit to Zanja Street	40	35
Arroyo Boulevard	Zanja Street to Holly Street Bridge crossing	35	30
Raymond Avenue	North City Limit to Orange Grove Boulevard	35	30
Arroyo Parkway	Colorado Boulevard to State Street Connector	35	35

The Department of Transportation has been conducting a continuing program of traffic and engineering surveys on streets throughout the City for public safety purposes and so that the Police Department can effectively use radar equipment as a speed enforcement tool. The California Vehicle Code provides that, whenever radar is used for speed enforcement, the *prima facie* speed limit must be justified by an engineering and traffic survey conducted within the five-year period immediately preceding the date of the alleged violation.

Engineering and traffic surveys have now been completed on most of the City's street system where radar enforcement can be used. The latest engineering and traffic surveys have resulted in findings that the speed limits on portions of a number of streets are in need of modification and will support the continued use of radar for traffic enforcement. The Police Department was consulted and concurred with the proposed changes.

PURPOSE OF ORDINANCE:

The proposed ordinance will allow for a reduction in the posted speed limit on Arroyo Boulevard between the North City Limit and the Holly Street Bridge crossing and on Raymond Avenue between the North City Limit and Orange Grove Boulevard. Arroyo Parkway between Colorado Boulevard and the State Street Connector was previously under Caltrans' jurisdiction; therefore, continued enforcement requires that it be included in the Pasadena Municipal Code. The stated beginning and end points on Arroyo Boulevard have been revised in the proposed ordinance to consolidate adjacent speed zones and for consistency with existing references in the Pasadena Municipal Code, consistent with the direction of City Council.

REASON WHY LEGISLATION IS NEEDED:

The Pasadena Municipal Code may only be amended by ordinance of the City Council.

PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS OR GROUPS AFFECTED:

The proposed ordinance amendment will primarily affect the general public that travels these roadways. Posted speed reductions along Arroyo Boulevard and Raymond Avenue will have a direct safety improvement on the adjacent residential neighborhoods. Posted speed limits on Arroyo Parkway remain the same. The Department of Transportation will purchase the necessary signs and coordinate installation with the Department of Public Works field crews. The Police Department will assume the enforcement obligations.

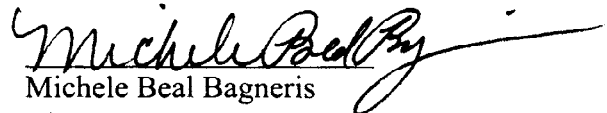
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

The Environmental Administrator has determined that the approved speed limit revisions are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to section 15301, Existing Facilities.

FISCAL and SERVICE IMPLICATIONS:

There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Transportation from the implementation of the ordinance amendment as there are sufficient funds in the current budget to cover the new sign installations.

Respectfully submitted,

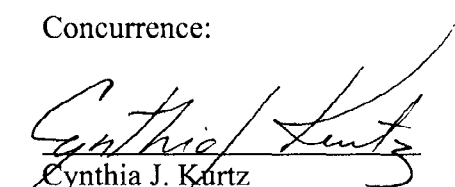

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Cynthia J. Kurtz
City Manager

Introduced by Councilmember

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The People of the City of Pasadena ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. The portion of Section 10.48.010 of the Pasadena Municipal Code which reads, "Arroyo Boulevard from Westgate Street to Holly Street Bridge crossing 35 mph," is amended to read as follows:

"Arroyo Boulevard from Zanja Street to Holly Street Bridge crossing 30 mph."

SECTION 2. The portion of Section 10.48.010 of said code which reads, "Arroyo Boulevard from Zanja Street to Foothill Freeway 40 mph," is amended to read as follows:

"Arroyo Boulevard from north city limits to Zanja Street 35 mph."

SECTION 3. The following new portion is added to Section 10.48.30 of said code in proper sequence:

"Arroyo Parkway from Colorado Boulevard to State Street connector 35 mph."

SECTION 4. The following portion of Section 10.48.030 of said Code which reads, "Arroyo Boulevard from Westgate Street to Zanja Street 35 mph," is hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. The portion of Section 10.48.030 of said code which reads, "Raymond Avenue from Orange Grove Boulevard to north city limits 35 mph," is amended to read as follows:

"Raymond Avenue from Orange Grove Boulevard to north city limits 30 mph."

SECTION 6. The City Clerk shall certify the adoption of this ordinance and shall cause this ordinance to be published in full text.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall take effect thirty days after its publication.

Signed and approved this day of _____, 2005.

Bill Bogaard
Mayor of the City of Pasadena

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Pasadena at its meeting held the ____ day of _____, 2005, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

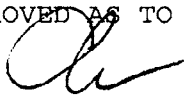
Absent:

Abstain:

Published:

Jane L. Rodriguez
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

 1/4/05

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