



Ordinance Fact Sheet

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: February 23, 2009

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 (LIDA STREET, RAYMOND AVENUE, ROSEMONT AVENUE, AND WEST DRIVE)

TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE:

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 (LIDA STREET, RAYMOND AVENUE, ROSEMONT AVENUE, AND WEST DRIVE)

BACKGROUND

In order for speed to be enforceable through the use of radar or lidar, State law requires speed limits to be set according to the methodology detailed in the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

The California Vehicle Code (CVC) provides that whenever radar or lidar 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. Also, under the Vehicle and Traffic Section of the Pasadena Municipal Code (Chapter 10) any modification of speed limit is a matter that requires City Council action.

The latest Engineering and Traffic Surveys have resulted in findings that the speed limits on five streets segments are required to be established in the City of Pasadena's Municipal Code so that the Police Department can continue an enforcement program which the courts will support.

MEETING OF 02/23/2009

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8.A.3.

On December 8, 2008, the City Council approved the proposed speed limit revisions on Lida Street, Raymond Avenue, Rosemont Street, and West Drive as noted below and directed preparation of this Ordinance:

<u>Street</u>	<u>Limits</u>	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Approved</u>
Lida St.	Knollwood Dr. to Parkview Ave.	25	25
Raymond Ave.	Corson St. to Del Mar Blvd.	25	25
Raymond Ave.	Del Mar Blvd. to Glenarm St.	35	35
Rosemont Ave.	Seco St. to Orange Grove Blvd.	25	25
West Dr.	Washington Blvd. to Seco St.	40	35

PURPOSE OF ORDINANCE:

The proposed ordinance will allow for a reduction in the posted speed limit on West Drive between Washington Boulevard and Seco Street. The proposed ordinance will allow for the use of radar or lidar by the Police Department on the segments of West Drive, Lida Street, and Rosemont Avenue as these street segments are not included in sections 10.48.010 and 10.48.030 of the current Pasadena Municipal Code.

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 West Drive will have a direct safety improvement on the area around the Pasadena Rose Bowl. Posted speed limits on Lida Street, Raymond Avenue, and Rosemont Drive remain the same. The Department of Transportation will purchase the necessary signs and coordinate installation with the Department of Public Works field crews.

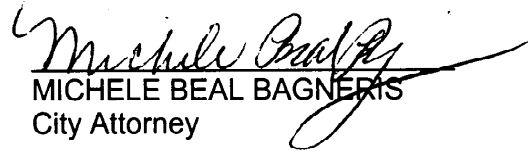
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

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:

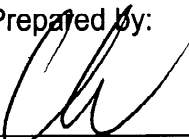
There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Transportation from the implementation of the ordinance amendment as there are sufficient funds in the current budget to cover the new sign installations.

Respectfully submitted,

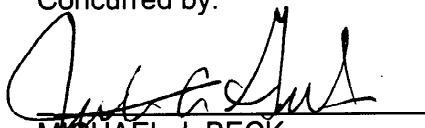

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City Manager

for

Introduced by Councilmember

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING SECTIONS 10.18.010 AND 10.48.030 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING SPEED LIMITS IN THE CITY OF PASADENA (LIDA STREET, RAYMOND AVENUE, ROSEMONT AVENUE, AND WEST DRIVE)

The People of the City of Pasadena ordain as follows:

Section 1. The following new sentences are added to the list presented in Section 10.48.010 of the Pasadena Municipal Code under the heading, "Name of Street or Portion Affected" and "Declared Prima Facie Speed Limit," each within the proper alphabetic sequence:

<u>mph.</u>	<u>"Lida Street from Knollwood Drive to Parkview Avenue</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>mph.</u>	<u>"Rosemont Avenue from Seco Street to Orange Grove Boulevard</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>mph.</u>	<u>"West Drive from Washington Boulevard to Seco Street</u>	<u>35</u>

Section 2. The sentence in the list presented in Section 10.48.030 of the Pasadena Municipal Code under the heading, "Name of Street or Portion Affected" and "Declared Prima Facie Speed Limit," which reads, "Raymond Avenue from Green Street to California Boulevard 30mph" and "Raymond Avenue from Glenarm Street to California Boulevard 35mph" is hereby repealed.

mph"	"Raymond Avenue from Green Street to California Boulevard	30
mph"	"Raymond Avenue from Glenarm Street to California Boulevard	35

Section 3. The following new sentences are added to the list presented in Section 10.48.030 of the Pasadena Municipal Code under the heading, "Name of Street or Portion Affected" and "Declared Prima Facie Speed Limit," each within the proper alphabetic sequence:

"Raymond Avenue from Corson Street to Del Mar Boulevard 25 mph."

"Raymond Avenue from Del Mar Boulevard to Glenarm Street 35 mph."

Section 4. The City Clerk shall certify the adoption of this ordinance and shall cause this ordinance to be published in full text.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect thirty days after its publication.

Signed and approved this day of _____, 2009.

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 _____, 2009, by the vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

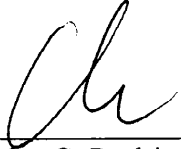
Absent:

Abstain:

Published:

Mark Jomsky, CMC
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

 2/19/09

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