

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

DATE: AUGUST 10, 2022

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: NATHAN HAMBURGER, CITY MANAGER

BY: JESSICA FORTE, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS/CITY ENGINEER

SUBJECT: ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 22-460; AMENDING THE PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMIT ON ONE SEGMENT OF REYES ADOBE ROAD BETWEEN AGOURA ROAD AND THOUSAND OAKS BOULEVARD

At the July 13, 2022, City Council meeting, the Council introduced, read by title only, and waived further reading of Ordinance No. 22-460. The ordinance will amend the prima facie speed limit on one segment of Reyes Adobe Road between Agoura Road and Thousand Oaks Boulevard.

With City Council approval, the speed limit for this segment would be reduced from 45 miles per hour to 40 miles per hour (mph), and take effect September 9, 2022.

The new signs would be installed and flagged by the City's Public Works Contractor, alerting motorists of the changes. The Lost Hills Sheriff's Traffic Division will be notified of the change. During the first month after the signs have been installed the sheriff will issue warnings not tickets, should the offender be traveling at a speed higher than 40 mph, but below the previously signed limit of 45 mph. On October 9, 2022, the new speed limit will become enforceable.

A copy of the proposed ordinance is attached for reference.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 22-460, amending the Prima Facie speed limit on one segment of Reyes Adobe Road between Agoura Road and Thousand Oaks Boulevard.

Attachment: Ordinance No. 22-460

ORDINANCE NO. 22- 460

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS ON ONE SEGMENT OF REYES ADOBE ROAD BETWEEN AGOURA ROAD AND THOUSAND OAKS BOULEVARD

The City Council of the City of Agoura Hills does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. The City Council makes the following findings in connection with the adoption of this Ordinance:

A. Section 22358.8 of the California Vehicle Code permits cities, after completing an engineering and traffic survey and finding that the speed limit is still more than is reasonable or safe, to retain the current speed limit or restore the immediately prior speed limit if that speed limit was established with an engineering and traffic study and if a registered engineer has evaluated the section of highway and determined that no additional general purpose lanes have been added to the roadway since completion of the traffic survey that established the prior speed limit.

B. Pursuant to California Vehicle Code 22358.8, the City of Agoura Hills performed an engineering and traffic survey entitled "2022 Engineering and Traffic Survey to Establish Speed Limits" (2022 Traffic Survey for Reyes Adobe Road between Thousand Oaks Boulevard and Agoura Road) conducted by Kimley Horn in early July 2022. The City Council of the City of Agoura Hills ("City Council") hereby adopts said 2022 Traffic Survey.

C. The City of Agoura Hills also performed an engineering and traffic survey entitled "2017 Engineering and Traffic Survey to Establish Speed Limits" ("2017 Traffic Survey") conducted by Kimley Horn in 2017, which served as the basis for the current speed limit of 45 miles per hour for the segment of Reyes Adobe Road between Agoura Road and Thousand Oaks Boulevard ("Reyes Adobe Road Segment").

D. The City of Agoura Hills also performed an engineering and traffic survey entitled "2011 Engineering and Traffic Survey to Establish Speed Limits" ("2011 Traffic Survey") conducted by Kimley Horn in 2011 which served as the basis for and established the immediately prior speed limit of 40 miles per hour for the Reyes Adobe Road Segment.

E. The referenced Traffic Study and roadway segment have been reviewed and evaluated by the City's Contract Traffic Engineer Laura Forinash (Traffic Engineer), a Registered Professional Engineer and Traffic Engineer in the State of California.

F. The City Council hereby find that the speed limit on Reyes Adobe Road between Agoura Road and Thousand Oaks Boulevard is still more than is reasonable or safe.

G. The immediately prior speed limit, based on the 2011 Traffic Survey, for the Reyes Adobe Road Segment was 40 miles per hour, and was increased to the current speed limit of 45 miles per hour based on the referenced 2017 Traffic Survey.

H. The City's Traffic Engineer has evaluated this section of Reyes Adobe Road and determined that no additional general purpose lanes have been added to the segment of Reyes Adobe Road between Agoura Road and Thousand Oaks Boulevard since completion of the 2011 Traffic Survey.

SECTION 2. Based on the findings set forth in Section 1 of this Ordinance, the City Council hereby amends the described prima facie speed limits on Reyes Adobe Road in both directions between Agoura Road and Thousand Oaks Boulevard to 40 miles per hour, a reduction from the currently posted 45 miles per hour speed limit.

SECTION 3. Pursuant to Vehicle Code Section 22358.8(c), the City shall issue only warning citations for violations exceeding the speed limit by 10 miles per hour or less for the first 30 days that the new, lower speed limit is in effect.

SECTION 4. CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA). Pursuant to Section 15060(c)(2) of the California CEQA Guidelines, the City Council finds that this Ordinance will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and therefore is not subject to CEQA. Additionally, pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) the activity is not a "project" as defined in Section 15378 because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court or competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrases, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions thereof, be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 6. CITY CLERK CERTIFICATION. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and cause the same to be posted at the duly designated posting places within the City and published once within fifteen (15) days after passage and adoption as required by law; or, in the alternative, the City Clerk may cause to be published a summary of this Ordinance and post a certified copy of the text of this Ordinance in the Office of the City Clerk five (5) days prior to the date of adoption of this Ordinance, and, within fifteen (15) days after adoption, the City Clerk shall cause to be published the aforementioned summary and shall post a certified copy of this Ordinance, together with the vote for and against the same, in the Office of the City Clerk.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Agoura Hills this 10th day of August, 2022, by the following vote to wit:

AYES: ()
NOES: ()
ABSENT: ()
ABSTAIN: ()

CITY OF AGOURA HILLS:

Deborah Klein Lopez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly M. Rodrigues, MMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Candice K. Lee
City Attorney