

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, TO ESTABLISH A 20 MILES PER
HOUR PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMIT IN SCHOOL ZONES

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2025, California Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 382 (AB 382) into law, which beginning on January 1, 2031, establishes a prima facie speed limit of 20 miles per hour in a school zone, as defined, subject to specified conditions, including, among others, when a school speed limit sign states “children are present” and children are present, and when a school speed limit sign states specific hours, as specified; and

WHEREAS, AB 382 authorizes local authorities, by ordinance or resolution, to establish a prima facie speed limit of 20 miles per hour prior to law becoming effective statewide on January 1, 2031; and

WHEREAS, traffic-safety research indicates that lower motor-vehicle speed limits on eligible City streets reduced from 25 miles per hour to 20 miles per hour, when properly signed, enhances safety for students and other road users; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to implement a 20 miles per hour prima facie speed limit in designated school zones and to ensure that appropriate school-zone signage is installed, maintained and operated in accordance with applicable state standards; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further desires that the Administration coordinate with the City’s staff, the Police Department and affected public and private schools within the City to implement this resolution in an orderly, consistent and efficient manner.

Date Adopted:
Date Approved:
Effective Date:

City Attorney Approval: 

Resolution No.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. The City Council hereby establishes a 20 miles per hour prima-facie speed limit in accordance with AB 382, for school-zone speed limits on eligible City streets and highways when approaching or passing a school building, school grounds or school crossing during the times and under the conditions indicated by appropriate signs.

2. The Administration is hereby directed to coordinate with City staff, the Police Department, and affected public and private schools within the City to identify all existing and proposed school zones that are appropriate for implementation of the 20 miles per hour school-zone speed limit policy.

3. The Administration is hereby directed to ensure that:

(i) School speed limit signs reflecting the 20 miles per hour limit are installed, replaced or modified consistent with state law.

(ii) School zone warning signs and supplemental plaques, including “When Children Are Present” and time of day plaques where used, are consistent with applicable state standards.

4. The Administration is hereby directed to prioritize implementation near schools and routes with higher pedestrian and bicyclist volumes or documented safety concerns.

5. This resolution shall become effective on _____, to allow sufficient time for the Administration to complete planning, coordination, and installation of necessary signage and equipment and for the Council to allocate any necessary funding in the annual budget process.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, AMY K. ALLER, Interim City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____ 2026.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: _____, 2026
Mayor Approval/No Return: _____, 2026
Mayor Veto: _____, 2026
Council Override Vote: _____, 2026

AMY K. ALLER
Interim City Clerk

By: _____ Date

Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
ANDREW JANZ
City Attorney

By: _____ Date
Angela M. Karst
Senior Deputy City Attorney