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## REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

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## SUBJECT

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## RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the attached Special Speed Zone Ordinance be introduced at this time, prior to the final adoption at the next scheduled meeting of the City Council.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Staff is recommending the Council adopt an amended Ordinance to update the official list of designated special speed zones pursuant to Section 14-1501 of the Fresno Municipal Code (FMC). The annual update is prepared to reflect speed changes and additions which have been made due to development, increased traffic volumes, annexations, locations left off of previous ordinance and construction of new streets and various locations in the City of Fresno. Engineering and traffic surveys have been completed for each speed zone listed, in order to determine speed limits which are “reasonable and safe” as defined in accordance with the requirements of the California Vehicle Code (CVC).

## BACKGROUND

The CVC authorizes local authorities to determine and regulate speed limits on streets under local jurisdiction, subject to certain requirements. Pursuant to CVC Sections 22357 and 22358, speed limits may be adopted in five (5) miles per hour (mph) increments ranging from 25 mph to 65 mph, and must be justified on the basis of engineering and traffic surveys. At the local level, FMC Section 14-1501 provides for an Official List of Special Speed Zones to be kept in the form of an uncodified ordinance. For this reason, it is not necessary to amend the FMC itself each time speed zones are changed or added.

A comprehensive speed zone ordinance was adopted by Council on February 1, 1965, and minor updates were made on July 26, 2005, August 29, 2006, September 18, 2007, July 22, 2008, September 30, 2010, September 22, 2011, March 7, 2013, August 28, 2014, August 21, 2016 and September 28, 2017. This amendment (or regular update) is relatively minor in scope. The updated list includes posting 16 previously “unposted” and/or newly constructed segments of roadway, lowering the speed limit on 11 segments of roadway and listing four (4) segments omitted from previous Speed Ordinances. Engineering and traffic surveys in compliance with CVC requirements were completed for each zone listed.

The chart below summarizes the proposed speed limit changes and additions:

<u>STREET</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>PREVIOUS SPEED LIMIT</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED SPEED LIMIT</u>
Winery	Kings Canyon	Balch	30 MPH <sup>1</sup>	25 MPH
Effie	Gettysburg	Santa Ana	NP	30 MPH
Fulton	Inyo	Ventura	NP	30 MPH
Heaton	M Street	Pearl	NP	30 MPH
Holland	Brawley	Valentine	NP	30 MPH
M Street	Los Angeles	Heaton	NP	30 MPH
Northpoint	North	Prime	NP	30 MPH
Prime	Northpoint	Orange	*	30 MPH
Remmington	Cromwell	Palm	NP	30 MPH
Tulare	First	Fwy 41	35 MPH	30 MPH
Bullard	Blackstone	Fresno	40 MPH	35 MPH

California	East	Orange	40 MPH	35 MPH
California	Armstrong	Temperance	*	35 MPH
Gettysburg	Hayes	Polk	NP	35 MPH
Jensen	Golden State	East	40 MPH	35 MPH
Millbrook	Shepherd	Teague	40 MPH	35 MPH
Palm	Belmont	H Street	40 MPH	35 MPH
Perrin	Granville	Shepherd	40 MPH	35 MPH
Blackstone	Herndon	Nees	45 MPH	40 MPH
Brawley	Clinton	Parkway	45 MPH	40 MPH
Clinton	Locan	Temperance	45 MPH	40 MPH
Grantland	Mesa	Shaw	40 MPH <sup>1</sup>	40 MPH
Martin Luther King Jr	Church	Jensen	45 MPH	40 MPH
Sunland	Calwa	Church	40 MPH <sup>1</sup>	40 MPH
Armstrong	Clinton	Shields	NP	45 MPH
Central	East	Mary	NP	45 MPH
Central	Cedar	1,200 feet east of Cedar	NP	45 MPH
Church	Fowler	1,200 feet east of Fowler	NP	45 MPH
Orange	Central	Railroad	NP	45 MPH
Central	Cedar	East	NP	50 MPH
Fowler	Church	Jensen	NP	50 MPH

MPH = miles per hour <sup>1</sup> = Not included in previous updates NP = Speed limit “not posted”  
 \* = Newly constructed roadway segments

## ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS

This is not a “project” for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378, as updating the Speed Zone Ordinance will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

## LOCAL PREFERENCE

Local preference does not apply because updating the Special Speed Zone Ordinance does not include a bid or an award of a construction or services contract.

## FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact will occur as a result of updating the Special Speed Zone Ordinance. Maintenance and replacement of traffic signs is a regular budgeted expense which will not change as a result of this update.

Attachment:  
Amended Ordinance