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Prepared By: Jason Samonte *J Samonte* Agenda Item No. **I-5**

Reviewed By: City Manager *[Signature]* City Attorney *[Signature]* Finance *[Signature]* Other (Specify) _____

DATE: June 15, 2011

TO: City Council

FROM: Jason M. Samonte, Traffic Engineer *J Samonte*
Development Services Department

SUBJECT: Ordinance Amending Section 8-2 of the Oxnard City Code Concerning Speed Limits

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council approve the first reading by title only and subsequent adoption of an ordinance amending Section 8-2 of the Oxnard City Code, changing the speed limits on Third Street between A Street and Juanita Avenue from 30 mph to 35 mph, Camino Del Sol between Oxnard Boulevard and Rice Avenue from 40 mph to 45 mph, Ventura Road between the Union Pacific Railroad crossing and Town Center Drive from 35 mph to 40 mph, and Rose Avenue between Sanford Street and Fifth Street from 40 mph to 45 mph, and adding Victoria Avenue between Fifth Street and the Santa Clara River Bridge as 55 mph, and Graves Avenue between Celsius Avenue and Wankel Way as 40 mph.

DISCUSSION

Unsafe speed is the primary contributing factor in approximately 20% of injury crashes in Oxnard. The Police Department finds that radar enforcement increases their effectiveness in controlling speeds. The City has established prima facie speed limits on the network of major streets in the City. These speed limits which are established by ordinance must be periodically validated in order to enforce using radar as required by Vehicle Code Section 40802. Traffic engineering staff has completed engineering and traffic surveys for the subject street segments. These surveys measured prevailing speeds, considered pedestrian and bicycle activity and reviewed collision history.

The courts in Ventura County routinely find defendants who receive speeding tickets not guilty where the speed limit is not substantiated by an engineering and traffic survey. There is very limited latitude regarding the setting of a speed limit below the prevailing speed (the speed at or below which 85 percent of vehicles are moving). The recommended speeds for the subject streets are the lowest speeds possible, still allow radar enforcement and have been approved by the Police Department.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost of changing speed signs is accounted for in the traffic sign maintenance budget.

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Attachment #1 - Ordinance Amending Section 8-2 of the Oxnard City Code Concerning Speed Limit

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OXNARD

ORDINANCE NO. _____

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXNARD AMENDING
SECTION 8-2 OF THE OXNARD CITY CODE CONCERNING SPEED LIMITS

The City Council of the City of Oxnard does ordain as follows:

Part 1. The portion of Section 8-2 of the Oxnard City Code relating to Third Street is amended to read as follows:

“Third Street

- (a) From A Street to Juanita Avenue, 35 miles per hour.
- (b) From Juanita Avenue to Rose Avenue, 40 miles per hour.”

Part 2. The portion of Section 8-2 of the Oxnard City Code relating to Camino Del Sol is amended to read as follows:

“Camino Del Sol

From Oxnard Boulevard to Del Norte Boulevard, 45 miles per hour.”

Part 3. The portion of Section 8-2 of the Oxnard City Code relating to Ventura Road is amended to read as follows:

“Ventura Road

- (a) From Channel Islands Boulevard to Vineyard Avenue, 45 miles per hour.
- (b) From Vineyard Avenue to Union Pacific Railroad crossing, 50 miles per hour.
- (c) From Union Pacific Railroad crossing to Town Center Drive, 40 miles per hour.”

Part 4. The portion of Section 8-2 of the Oxnard City Code relating to Rose Avenue is amended to read as follows:

“Rose Avenue

- (a) From Sanford Street to Fifth Street, 45 miles per hour.
- (b) From Fifth Street to Camino Del Sol, 40 miles per hour.
- (c) From Camino Del Sol to Gonzales Road, 45 miles per hour
- (d) From Gonzales Road to Collins Street, 40 miles per hour.”

Part 5. The portion of Section 8-2 of the Oxnard City Code relating to Victoria Avenue is amended to read as follows:

“Victoria Avenue

- (a) From Lakeshore Drive to Fifth Street, 50 miles per hour.
- (b) From Fifth Street to the Santa Clara River bridge, 55 miles per hour.”

Part 6. Section 8-2 of the Oxnard City Code is amended by adding:

“Graves Avenue

Graves Avenue between Celsius Avenue and Wankel Way, 40 miles per hour.”

Part 7. Within fifteen days after adoption, the City Clerk shall cause this ordinance to be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation, published and circulated in the City. Ordinance No. _____ was first read on _____, 2011 and finally adopted on _____, 2011 to become effective thirty days thereafter.

Passed and adopted this ____ day of _____, 2011, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

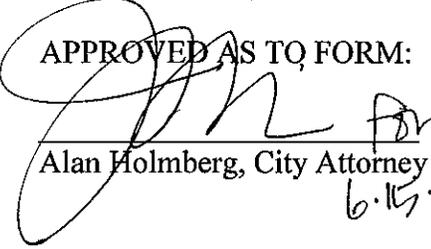
ABSENT:

Dr. Thomas E. Holden, Mayor

ATTEST:

Daniel Martinez, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Alan Holmberg, City Attorney

6.15.11