



City of Chula Vista

Staff Report

File#: 17-0420, **Item#:** 3.

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA DECREASING THE ESTABLISHED SPEED LIMIT ON QUINTARD STREET BETWEEN ORANGE AVENUE AND THIRD AVENUE AND BETWEEN FIRST AVENUE AND HILLTOP DRIVE FROM 30 MILES PER HOUR TO 25 MILES PER HOUR, AND AMENDING SCHEDULE X OF THE REGISTER MAINTAINED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ENGINEER TO REFLECT THE REVISED SPEED LIMITS (FIRST READING)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Council place the ordinance on first reading.

SUMMARY

Staff completed a review of the road conditions and roadside characteristics on two street segments along Quintard Street in order to determine the speed limit in accordance with the California Vehicle Code (CVC). Based on the results of this investigation, staff determined that the speed limit on Quintard Street between Orange Avenue and Third Avenue and between First Avenue and Hilltop Drive should be revised to the prima facie speed limit of 25 mph (see Attachment 1, Location Plat).

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Environmental Notice

The Project qualifies for a Class 1 Categorical Exemption pursuant to Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) of the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines.

Environmental Determination

The Director of Development Services has reviewed the proposed project for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that the project qualifies for a Class 1 Categorical Exemption pursuant to Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) of the State CEQA Guidelines. Thus, no further environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

The Safety Commission, at their meeting on September 6, 2017, unanimously concurred with staff's recommendations to declare a 25 mph prima facie speed limit on Quintard Street between Orange Avenue and Third Avenue and between First Avenue and Hilltop Drive.

DISCUSSION

Background:

The CVC establishes the prima facie speed limit for all streets in the State. The prima facie speed limit applicable to Quintard Street is 25 miles per hour (mph). An Engineering and Traffic Survey (E&TS) is required to change the prima facie speed limits.

The CVC requires that local agencies review local speed limits every five to ten years to determine if the existing street segment speed limits require updating.

Currently, the existing posted speed limit on Quintard Street is as follows:

30 mph between Orange Avenue and Third Avenue
30 mph between First Avenue and Hilltop Drive

CONCLUSION:

Based on the existing road conditions, roadside characteristics and CVC, staff has determined that the speed limits on segments of Quintard Street need to be reduced. Sections 515 and 240 of the CVC define, a two-lane road, as a “residence or business” district as determined by the number of residences and businesses fronting the street. These two segments of Quintard Street qualify as “residence and business” district and, by statute per CVC Section 22352, also qualify for a 25 mph prima facie speed limit.

City staff recommends the City Council declare the proposed prima facie speed limits along Quintard Street as follows:

- between Orange Avenue and Third Avenue, 25 mph prima facie speed limit
- between First Avenue and Hilltop Drive, 25 mph prima facie speed limit

DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT

Staff has reviewed the property holdings of the City Council members and has found no property holdings within 500 feet of the boundaries of the property which is the subject of this action. Consequently, this item does not present a disqualifying real property-related financial conflict of interest under California Code of Regulations Title 2, section 18702.2(a)(11), for purposes of the Political Reform Act (Cal. Gov’t Code §87100, et seq.).

Staff is not independently aware, and has not been informed by any City Council member, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision maker conflict of interest in this matter.

LINK TO STRATEGIC GOALS

The City's Strategic Plan has five major goals: Operational Excellence, Economic Vitality, Healthy Community, Strong and Secure Neighborhoods and a Connected Community. The goal of this action item is to support the Strong and Secure Neighborhood strategy identified in the City's Strategic Plan by providing safer roadways.

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CURRENT YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed speed limit modification would require the replacement and posting of new speed limit signs and marking of new pavement speed limit legends. The cost to install these improvements is approximately \$2,000. The required work will be funded by TransNet funds associated with Capital Improvement Project, TF-332, Signing and Striping Program. Sufficient TransNet funding is available to cover program costs associated with TF-332.

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

The improvements will require only routine City maintenance.

Attachments:

1. Location Map - Existing and Proposed Speed Limits
2. AAA Publication "Effective Speed Zoning Why and How" - Dated 2012

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