

ORDINANCE NO. ____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL MONTE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 10.08 (SPEED LIMITS) OF TITLE 10 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE EL MONTE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO SPEED LIMITS ON CITY STREETS

WHEREAS, California Vehicle Code (CVC) section 22357 provides that whenever a local authority determines upon the basis of an engineering and traffic survey that a speed greater than 25 miles per hour would facilitate the orderly movement of vehicular traffic and would be reasonable and safe upon any street other than a state highway otherwise subject to a prima facie limit of 25 miles per hour, the local authority may by ordinance determine and declare a prima facie speed limit of 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, or 60 miles per hour or a maximum speed limit of 65 miles per hour, whichever is found most appropriate; and

WHEREAS, CVC section 22358 provides that whenever a local authority determines upon the basis of an engineering and traffic survey that the limit of 65 miles per hour is more than is reasonable or safe upon any portion of any street other than a state highway where the limit of 65 miles per hour is applicable, the local authority may by ordinance determine and declare a prima facie speed limit of 60, 55, 50, 45, 40, 35, 30, 25, 20, or 15 miles per hour, whichever is found most appropriate to facilitate the orderly movement of traffic and is reasonable and safe, which declared prima facie limit shall be effective when appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected upon the street

WHEREAS, CVC section 22358.3 provides that whenever a local authority determines upon the basis of an engineering and traffic survey that the prima facie speed limit of 25 miles per hour in a business or residence district or in a public park on any street having a roadway not exceeding 25 feet in width, other than a state highway, is more than is reasonable or safe, the local authority may, by ordinance or resolution, determine and declare a prima facie speed limit of 20 or 15 miles per hour, whichever is found most appropriate; and

WHEREAS, CVC section 22358.4 provides that a local authority may, by ordinance or resolution, determine and declare prima facie speed limits of 15 miles per hour, in a residence district, on a highway with a posted speed limit of 30 miles per hour or slower, when approaching, at a distance of less than 500 feet from, or passing, a school building or the grounds of a school building, contiguous to a highway and posted with a school warning sign that indicates a speed limit of 15 miles per hour, while children are going to or leaving the school, either during school hours or during the noon recess period. The prima facie limit shall also apply when approaching, at a distance of less than 500 feet from, or passing, school grounds that are not separated from the highway by a

fence, gate, or other physical barrier while the grounds are in use by children and the highway is posted with a school warning sign that indicates a speed limit of 15 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Monte contracted the preparation, analysis and production of a Engineering and Traffic Survey (E&TS), dated October 2023, for purposes of re-evaluating speed limits on City streets; and

WHEREAS, on the basis of the E&TS, and pursuant to California Vehicle Code sections 627, 22357, and 22358, a revision to the prima facie speed limit on certain streets in the City of El Monte is warranted;

WHEREAS, CVC section 22358.8 provides that a local authority may, by ordinance, retain the current speed limit or restore the immediately prior speed limit if, after the completion of an engineering and traffic study, the local authority finds that the speed limit is still more than is reasonable or safe, that speed limit was established with an engineering and traffic survey 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; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of El Monte (City Council) finds that the current speed limits of certain streets are still more than is reasonable or safe and thus, should be retained;

NOW THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF EL MONTE DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That, upon consideration of the October 2023 Engineering and Traffic Survey and in accordance with Section 22358.8 of the CVC, the City Council finds that the current speed limits for the following street segments is still more than is reasonable or safe than the limits recommended in the October 2023 E&TS, and finds that retaining the current speed limit is in the best interest of the City:

Asher Street from Santa Anita Avenue to Peck Road
Durfee Avenue from Valley Boulevard to the South City Limit
Exline Street from Whistler Avenue to Gilman Road
Peck Road from Ramona Boulevard to the South City Limit
Ramona Boulevard from Santa Anita Avenue to Valley Boulevard
Tyler Avenue from Santa Anita Avenue to Valley Boulevard
Tyler Avenue from Valley Boulevard to the South City Limit

SECTION 2. That, upon consideration of the October 2023 Engineering and Traffic Survey and the provisions of the CVC, Section 10.08.010 (Prima Facie Speed Limits) of Chapter 10.08 (Speed Limits) of Title 10 (Vehicles and Traffic) is hereby amended in its entirety to now state the

following:

“10.08.010 Prima Facie Speed Limits.”

Pursuant to the “Engineering & Traffic Survey,” dated October, 2023, and pursuant to California Vehicle Code sections 627, 22357, 22358 and 22358.8, the City Council of the City of El Monte does determine and declare prima facie speed limits for vehicles as specified in Table 1 of this section, below:

Table 1 – Summary of Speed Limits

City of El Monte Prima Facie Speed Limits		
Street	Limits	Speed Limit (mph)
Aerojet Avenue	Telstar Avenue to Flair Drive	30
Arden Drive	Lower Azusa Road to Valley Boulevard	35
Asher Street	Santa Anita Avenue to Peck Road	30
Baldwin Avenue	Lower Azusa Road to Railroad Tracks	40
Baldwin Avenue	Railroad Tracks to I- 10 Freeway	35
Brockway Street	Santa Anita Avenue to Meeker Avenue	30
Durfee Avenue	Ramona Boulevard to Valley Boulevard	35
Durfee Avenue	Valley Boulevard to South City Limits	35
Exline Street	Whistler Avenue to Gilman Road	25
Fern street	West City Limits to Merced Avenue	25
Ferris road	Ramona Boulevard to Gilman Road	25
Fineview Street	Peck Road to Parkway Drive	25
Garvey Avenue	West City Limit to Peck Road	35
Garvey Avenue	Peck Road to East City Limit	35
Loftus Street	Baldwin Avenue to West City Limit	35
Lower Azusa Road	West City Limit to Santa Anita Avenue	40
Lower Azusa Road	Santa Anita Avenue to East City Limit	35
Meeker Avenue	Valley Boulevard to Peck Road	25
Merced Avenue	South City Limit to Towneway Drive	35
Mountain View Road	Valley Boulevard to South City Limit	35
Parkway Drive	Denholm Drive to Fineview Street	30
Peck Road	North City Limit to Ramona Boulevard	35
Peck Road	Ramona Boulevard to South City Limit	35
Patrero Avenue	South City Limit to Garvey Avenue	25
Ramona Boulevard	Santa Anita Avenue to Valley Boulevard	30
Ramona Boulevard	Valley Boulevard to East City Limit	35
Santa Anita Avenue	North City Limit to Valley Boulevard	40
Santa Anita Avenue	Valley Boulevard to South City Limit	40
Stewart Street	Ramona Boulevard to East End	25

Telstar Avenue	Rosemead Boulevard to Flair Drive	35
Tyler Avenue	Santa Anita Avenue to Valley Boulevard	30
Tyler Avenue	Valley Boulevard to South City Limit	25
Valley Boulevard	West City Limit to Santa Anita Avenue	35
Valley Boulevard	Santa Anita Avenue to Peck Road	35
Valley Boulevard	Peck Road to East City Limit	35
SR 164 – Rosemead Boulevard (Caltrans Jurisdiction)	I-10 Freeway to Telstar Avenue	40
SR 164 - Rosemead Boulevard (Caltrans Jurisdiction)	Telstar Avenue to the South City Limit	45

SECTION 3. The City Council of the City of El Monte hereby declares that should any section, paragraph, sentence, phrase or word of this ordinance be declared for any reason to be invalid, it is the intent of the City Council that it would have adopted all other portions of this ordinance independent of the elimination therefrom of any such portion as may be declared invalid. If any section, paragraph, sentence or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unlawful, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each section, paragraph, sentence or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more section, paragraph, sentence or phrase has been declared invalid or unlawful.

SECTION 4. The Mayor shall sign, and the City Clerk shall attest to the passage of this Ordinance. The City Clerk shall cause the same to be published once in the official newspaper within fifteen (15) days after its adoption. This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of El Monte at the regular meeting of this ___ day of _____, 2023.

Jessica Ancona, Mayor
City of El Monte

ATTEST:

Catherine A. Eredia, City Clerk

City of El Monte

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS:
CITY OF EL MONTE)

I, Catherine A. Eredia, City Clerk of the City of El Monte, hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. _____ was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of El Monte, signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk at a regular meeting of said Council held on the _____ day of _____, 2023 and that said Ordinance was adopted by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Catherine A. Eredia, City Clerk
City of El Monte