

BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAFAYETTE

IN THE MATTER OF:

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of)
Lafayette Establishing Prima Facie Speed Limits Within)
the City)
_____)

Ordinance No. 690

WHEREAS, the City of Lafayette ("City") is authorized by California Vehicle Code Section 22357 *et seq.* to adjust the prima facie speed limits in the City; and

WHEREAS, Section 627 of the CVC requires that an engineering and traffic survey shall include, among other requirements deemed necessary by the department, consideration of 1) the prevailing speeds as determined by traffic engineering measurements, 2) accident records, and 3) highway, traffic and roadside conditions not readily apparent to the driver.

WHEREAS, California Assembly Bill No. 43 requires a local authority when conducting an engineering and traffic survey to consider the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists, with increased consideration for vulnerable population groups including children, seniors, persons with disabilities, users of personal assistive mobility devices, and the unhoused; and

WHEREAS, CVC Section 22358.7 permits local authorities, after completing an engineering and traffic survey, to determine and declare, by ordinance, a prima facie speed limit that has been reduced an additional five miles per hour if 1) the portion of highway is adjacent to any land or facility that generates high concentrations of bicyclists or pedestrians, especially those from vulnerable population groups including children, seniors, persons with disabilities, users of personal assistive mobility devices, and the unhoused, 2) the portion of highway has been designated as a safety corridor. A local authority shall not deem more than one-fifth of their streets as safety corridors; and

WHEREAS, CVC Section 22358.8 declares that if a local authority, after completing an engineering and traffic survey, finds that the speed limit is still more than is reasonable or safe, the local authority may, by ordinance, retain the current speed limit or restore the immediately prior speed limit if 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 of Lafayette has conducted and completed engineering and traffic surveys pursuant to the requirements of the California Vehicle Code and the Traffic Manual published by the California Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lafayette has concluded that the speed limits set forth in the engineering and traffic speed surveys are the most appropriate to facilitate the orderly and safe movement of traffic for those street segments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lafayette amended in 2016 Section 8-8131 of the Lafayette Municipal Code to read as follows:

The city council shall by ordinance designate the speed limit on those streets where speed limits other than those prescribed by state law are necessary for the safe and orderly movement of traffic. These speed limits shall be based on an engineering and traffic study evaluated by a traffic engineer. Upon the adoption of such ordinance, the city manager shall direct the installation of signs giving notice thereof.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAFAYETTE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. **Adoption of Speed Limits.**

The recommended prima facie speed limits indicated in the engineering and traffic speed surveys and set forth in the table below are hereby adopted. The engineering and traffic speed surveys are attached hereto in Attachment 2 and summarized as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference.

EXHIBIT A

#	Location of Speed Zone	Proposed Speed Limit* (Miles per hour)	Engineering & Traffic Survey (Title, Author, Date)
1	ACALANES ROAD <i>Mt Diablo Blvd to Hidden Valley Road</i>	25	Acalanes Road; David J. Parisi, PE, TE; May 4, 2023
2	ACALANES ROAD <i>Hidden Valley Rd to City Limits (south)</i>	25	Acalanes Road; David J. Parisi, PE, TE; May 16, 2023
3	DEER HILL ROAD <i>Happy Valley Rd to 600' east of First Street</i>	30	Deer Hill Road; David J. Parisi, PE, TE; May 11, 2023
4	DEER HILL ROAD <i>600' east of First Street to Elizabeth Street</i> <i>(25mph school zone – signed)</i>	40	Deer Hill Road; David J. Parisi, PE, TE; May 11, 2023
5	DEER HILL ROAD <i>Elizabeth Street to Pleasant Hill Road</i>	45	Deer Hill Road; David J. Parisi, PE, TE; May 11, 2023
6	EL NIDO RANCH ROAD <i>City Limits (west) to Acalanes Road</i>	35	El Nido Ranch Road; David J. Parisi, PE, TE; May 4, 2023
7	EL NIDO RANCH ROAD <i>Acalanes Road to Mt Diablo Blvd</i>	30	El Nido Ranch Road; David J. Parisi, PE, TE; May 4, 2023
8	FIRST STREET <i>Deer Hill Road to School Street</i>	25	First Street; David J. Parisi, PE, TE; May 15, 2023
9	HAPPY VALLEY ROAD <i>City Limits (north) to 200' east of Cricket Hill Rd</i>	25	Happy Valley Road; David J. Parisi, PE, TE; June 15, 2023
10	HAPPY VALLEY ROAD <i>200' east of Cricket Hill Rd to Panorama Drive</i>	25	Happy Valley Road; David J. Parisi, PE, TE; May 9, 2023
11	HAPPY VALLEY ROAD <i>Panorama Drive to Rose Lane</i>	25	Happy Valley Road; David J. Parisi, PE, TE; May 9, 2023
12	HAPPY VALLEY ROAD <i>Rose Lane to Baker Lane</i>	25	Happy Valley Road; David J. Parisi, PE, TE; May 9, 2023
13	HAPPY VALLEY ROAD <i>Baker Lane to Mt Diablo Blvd</i>	25	Happy Valley Road; David J. Parisi, PE, TE; June 15, 2023
14	MORAGA BOULEVARD <i>Moraga Road to Carol Lane</i>	25	Moraga Boulevard; David J. Parisi, PE, TE; May 15, 2023
15	MORAGA ROAD <i>Mt Diablo Blvd to St. Mary's Road</i>	25	Moraga Road; David J. Parisi, PE, TE; May 17, 2023
16	MORAGA ROAD <i>St. Mary's Road to Old Jonas Road</i>	25	Moraga Road; David J. Parisi, PE, TE; May 16, 2023
17	MORAGA ROAD <i>Old Jonas Hill Rd to City Limits (south)</i>	35	Moraga Road; David J. Parisi, PE, TE; May 15, 2023
18	MOUNT DIABLO BOULEVARD <i>Acalanes Road to 350' west of Lafayette Reservoir entrance</i>	45	Mount Diablo Blvd; David J. Parisi, PE, TE; May 4, 2023

#	Location of Speed Zone	Proposed Speed Limit* (Miles per hour)	Engineering & Traffic Survey (Title, Author, Date)
19	MOUNT DIABLO BOULEVARD <i>350' west of Lafayette Reservoir entrance to Dolores Drive</i>	35	Mount Diablo Blvd; David J. Parisi, PE, TE; May 11, 2023
20	MOUNT DIABLO BOULEVARD <i>Dolores Drive to First Street</i>	25	Mount Diablo Blvd; David J. Parisi, PE, TE; August 3, 2023
21	MOUNT DIABLO BOULEVARD <i>First Street to Carol Lane</i>	30	Mount Diablo Blvd; David J. Parisi, PE, TE; May 11, 2023
22	MOUNT DIABLO BOULEVARD <i>Carol Lane to Pleasant Hill Road</i>	30	Mount Diablo Blvd; David J. Parisi, PE, TE; May 11, 2023
23	OAK HILL ROAD <i>Deer Hill Rd to Mt Diablo Blvd</i>	25	Oak Hill Road; David J. Parisi, PE, TE; May 15, 2023
24	OLYMPIC BOULEVARD <i>Reliez Station Rd to Pleasant Hill Rd</i>	30	Olympic Boulevard; David J. Parisi, PE, TE; May 16, 2023
25	OLYMPIC BOULEVARD <i>Pleasant Hill Rd to City Limits (east)</i>	35	Olympic Boulevard; David J. Parisi, PE, TE; May 5, 2023
26	PLEASANT HILL ROAD <i>City Limits (north) to Deer Hill Road</i>	35	Pleasant Hill Road; David J. Parisi, PE, TE; May 15, 2023
27	PLEASANT HILL ROAD <i>Deer Hill Road to Old Tunnel Road</i>	35	Pleasant Hill Road; David J. Parisi, PE, TE; May 11, 2023
28	PLEASANT HILL ROAD <i>Old Tunnel Road to Reliez Station Road</i>	35	Pleasant Hill Road; David J. Parisi, PE, TE; August 3, 2023
29	PLEASANT HILL ROAD <i>Reliez Station Road to Olympic Blvd</i>	35	Pleasant Hill Road; David J. Parisi, PE, TE; May 5, 2023
30	RELIEZ STATION ROAD / SOUTH GLENSIDE DRIVE <i>Pleasant Hill Road to St. Mary's Road</i>	25	Reliez Station Road/S. Glenside Drive; David J. Parisi, PE, TE; June 14, 2023
31	RELIEZ VALLEY ROAD <i>City Limits (north) to Sterling Heights Lane</i>	30	Reliez Valley Road; David J. Parisi, PE, TE; April 28, 2023
32	RELIEZ VALLEY ROAD <i>Sterling Heights Lane to McGraw Lane</i>	30	Reliez Valley Road; David J. Parisi, PE, TE; April 28, 2023
33	RELIEZ VALLEY ROAD <i>McGraw Lane to Pleasant Hill Road</i>	30	Reliez Valley Road; David J. Parisi, PE, TE; May 15, 2023
34	ST. MARY'S ROAD <i>Moraga Road to Topper Lane (school zone – signed)</i>	25	St. Mary's Road; David J. Parisi, PE, TE; May 9, 2023
35	ST. MARY'S ROAD <i>Topper Lane to Glenside Drive (south)</i>	35	St. Mary's Road; David J. Parisi, PE, TE; May 9, 2023
36	ST. MARY'S ROAD <i>Glenside Drive (south) to Cattle Chute Drive</i>	35	St. Mary's Road; David J. Parisi, PE, TE; May 5, 2023

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37	ST. MARY'S ROAD <i>Cattle Chute Drive to City Limits (south)</i>	35	St. Mary's Road; David J. Parisi, PE, TE; May 9, 2023
38	SPRINGHILL ROAD <i>City Limits (north) to Pleasant Hill Road</i>	25	Springhill Road; David J. Parisi, PE, TE; June 14, 2023
39	TAYLOR BOULEVARD <i>City Limits (north) to Pleasant Hill Road</i>	55	Taylor Boulevard; David J. Parisi, PE, TE; April 28, 2023
40	UPPER HAPPY VALLEY ROAD <i>Happy Valley Road to El Nido Ranch Road</i>	25	Upper Happy Valley Road; David J. Parisi, PE, TE; May 11, 2023
41	WITHERS AVENUE <i>Reliez Valley Road to Taylor Blvd</i>	25	Withers Avenue; David J. Parisi, PE, TE; June 14, 2023

* Per the CVC 22358.7, speed limits may not be lowered as listed in this table before June 30, 2024

Section 2. Notice of Speed Limits.

City staff is hereby authorized and directed to install and/or upgrade all appropriate signs giving notice of the speed limits set forth in the table above.

Section 3. Compliance with California Environmental Quality Act.

The City Council finds that this Ordinance is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

Section 4. Severability.

If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are severable. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance irrespective of the invalidity of any particular portion thereof.

Section 5. Publication.

The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and cause it, or a summary of it, to be published once within fifteen (15) days of adoption in a newspaper of general circulation printed and published within the City of Lafayette, and shall post a certified copy of this Ordinance, including the vote for and against the same, in the Office of the City Clerk in accordance with Government Code § 36933.

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Lafayette held on November 13, 2023 and adopted and ordered published at a meeting of the City Council held on November 27, 2023 by the following vote:

AYES: **Anduri, Dawson, Candell, Gerring and Kwok**

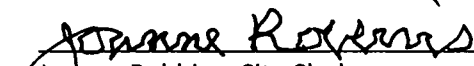
NOES: **None**


ABSTAIN: **None**

ABSENT: **None**

ATTEST:

APPROVED:


Joanne Robbins, City Clerk


Carl Anduri, Mayor

