THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

STAFF REPORT

Council Meeting Date: July 26, 2022

Subject: Speed Limit Changes

Staff Resource(s): Ken Putnam, Transportation Department Director
Christopher Cairns, City Traffic Engineer

Action Requested: Adoption of an ordinance enacting (1) a 15 mph speed limit on Gay Street from Pearson Avenue to Madison Street; and (2) a 25 mph speed limit on Beverly Road from New Haw Creek Road (SR 2032) to Avon Road, Moody Avenue from Monte Vista Road to Brookside Circle, and Norwood Avenue from Farrwood Avenue to Murdock Avenue.

Background:

- N.C. Gen. Stat. § 20-141 gives the City the authority to regulate speed limits within its corporate limits.
- City staff received requests from the public to consider changes to speed limits.
- City staff performed appropriate traffic-engineering studies along four streets including traffic counts and speed data.
- The speed limit on the following street will be set at 15 miles per hour:
    - Gay Street, from Pearson Avenue to Madison Street (the existing speed limit is the statutory 35 miles per hour).
- The speed limit on the following streets will be set at 25 miles per hour:
    - Beverly Road, from Avon Road to New Haw Creek Road (SR 2032) (the existing speed limit is 30 miles per hour).
    - Moody Avenue, from Monte Vista Road to Brookside Circle (the existing speed limit is 30 miles per hour).
    - Norwood Avenue, from Murdock Avenue to Farrwood Avenue (the existing speed limit is the statutory 35 miles per hour).
- The Asheville Police Department has reviewed the subject actions and they concur with it.
- Once the subject action is approved and prior to the installation of appropriate signs, Transportation Department staff will coordinate outreach and public education with the Communication & Public Engagement Department (CAPE) and the Asheville Police Department.

Council Goal(s):

- Transportation and Accessibility.

Committee(s):

- None

Pro(s):

- City staff have been able to respond favorably to the publics' requests and expressed safety concerns.
- Provides a more appropriate posted speed limit in a growing area that includes residential properties and City park facilities.
- Provides more appropriate posted speed limits for pedestrians and bicycle riders.

Con(s):

- None

Fiscal Impact:

- The cost of installing and maintaining speed limit signs is included in the operating budget.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to approve an ordinance enacting (1) a 15 mph speed limit on Gay Street from Pearson Avenue to Madison Street; and (2) a 25 mph speed limit on Beverly Road from New Haw Creek Road (SR 2032) to Avon Road, Moody Avenue from Monte Vista Road to Brookside Circle, and Norwood Avenue from Farrwood Avenue to Murdock Avenue.

Attachment(s)

- Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II, DIVISION 1, SECTIONS 26 AND 28 OF APPENDIX C OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

WHEREAS the City of Asheville has the authority under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 20-141 to regulate speed limits within its corporate limits; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the speed limit for Gay Street should be set at fifteen miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the speed limit for a section of Beverly Road, Moody Avenue, and Norwood Avenue should be set at twenty-five miles per hour and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE:

Section 1: That Article II, Division I, Section 22 of Appendix C of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Asheville (Speed Limits – Fifteen miles per hour, City system) be amended to include:

Gay Street, from Pearson Avenue to Madison Street

Section 2: That Article II, Division I, Section 25 of Appendix C of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Asheville (Speed Limits – Thirty miles per hour, City system) be amended to remove:

Beverly Road, between Tunnel Road (U.S. Highway 70) and New Haw Creek Road
Moody Avenue, between Monte Vista Road and Brookside Circle

Section 3: That Article II, Division I, Section 25 of Appendix C of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Asheville (Speed Limits – Thirty miles per hour, City system) be amended to include:

Beverly Road, from Tunnel Road (U.S. Highway 70) and Avon Road

Section 4: That Article II, Division I, Section 24 of Appendix C of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Asheville (Speed Limits – Twenty-five miles per hour, City system) be amended to include:

Beverly Road, from Avon Road to New Haw Creek Road (SR 2032)
Moody Avenue, from Monte Vista Road to Brookside Circle
Norwood Avenue, from Murdock Avenue to Farrwood Avenue

Section 4: That all Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon adoption by the City of Asheville and the erection of signs giving notice of the authorized speed limit.

Read, approved and adopted this 26th day of July, 2022.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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CITY ATTORNEY