THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

STAFF REPORT

Council Meeting Date: July 26, 2022

Subject: Speed Limit Change

Staff Resource(s): Ken Putnam, Transportation Department Director

Action Requested: Adoption of an ordinance changing the posted speed limits along U.S. 25-A (Sweeten Creek Road) from 0.17 miles north of Caribou Road to Fairview Road from 45 mph and 35 mph to 30 mph.

Background:

- N.C. Gen. Stat. § 20-141 gives the City the authority to regulate speed limits within its corporate limits.
- U.S. 25-A (Sweeten Creek Road) is a state maintained street within the city limits.
- The N.C. Dept. of Transportation (NCDOT) conducted a traffic-engineering study and determined that 30 mph would be a more appropriate speed limit.
- The Asheville Police Department has reviewed the subject action 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):

- Provides a more appropriate posted speed limit in a growing area that includes commercial and industrial properties.
- Provides a more appropriate posted speed limit for pedestrians as well as motorists turning activity.

Con(s):

- None

Fiscal Impact:

- There is no fiscal impact to the City of Asheville.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to approve an ordinance changing the posted speed limit along U.S. 25-A (Sweeten Creek Road) from 0.17 miles north of Caribou Road to Fairview Road from 45 mph and 35 mph to 30 mph.

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 North Carolina Department of Transportation maintains U.S. 25-A (Sweeten Creek Road) and has determined through a traffic-engineering study that the speed limit for U.S. 25-A (Sweeten Creek Road) should be reduced from 45 miles per hour and 35 miles per hour to 30 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS the City Council has concurred with the North Carolina Department of Transportation that the speed limit for U.S. 25-A (Sweeten Creek Road) should be reduced from 45 miles per hour and 35 miles per hour to 30 miles per hour;

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

Section 1: That Article II, Division I, Section 28 of Appendix C of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Asheville (Speed Limits – Forty-five miles per hour, State system) be amended to remove:

Sweeten Creek Road (U.S. 25-A), from 0.35 mile north of Blue Ridge Parkway to London Road

Section 2: That Article II, Division I, Section 26 of Appendix C of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Asheville (Speed Limits – Thirty-five miles per hour, State system) be amended to remove:

Sweeten Creek Road (U.S. 25-A) from Fairview Road to London Road

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, State system) be amended to include:

Sweeten Creek Road (U.S. 25-A) from 0.17 mile north of Caribou Road to Fairview Road

Section 4: That Article II, Division I, Section 28 of Appendix C of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Asheville (Speed Limits – Forty-five miles per hour, State system) be amended to include:

Sweeten Creek Road (U.S. 25-A) from 0.35 mile north of Blue Ridge Parkway to 0.17 mile north of Caribou Road

Section 5 That all Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 6: 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