THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE
STAFF REPORT

Council Meeting Date: August 25, 2020

Subject: Speed Limit Changes - Several Streets

Staff Resource(s): Ken Putnam, PE, Transportation Department Director
Andrew Cibor, PE, City Traffic Engineer

Action Requested: Adoption of an ordinance changing the posted speed limit along several streets within the City of Asheville.

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 the speed limits.
- City staff performed appropriate traffic-engineering studies along the various streets.
- Staff brings speed limit changes to City Council on a quarterly cycle in an effort to improve the efficiency of the approval process.

- Staff recommends that the speed limit on the following streets be changed from 35 mph to 20 miles per hour:
    - Balm Grove Place, from Balm Grove Avenue to Martin Avenue
    - Georgia Street, from Craven Street to Reynolds Road
    - London Road, from US 25A (Sweeten Creek Road) to Belvedere Road
    - Westview Road, from NC 694 (Town Mountain Road) to Oak Park Road
    - Windswept Drive, from College Street to Alexander Drive

- Staff recommends that the speed limit on the following streets be changed from 30 mph and 35 mph to 25 miles per hour:
    - Alabama Avenue, from Hanover Street to Swannanoa Avenue
    - Baker Avenue, from US 19-23 Business (Haywood Road) to Burton Street
    - Bideford Row, from a point 725 feet north of Tiverton Lane to a point 500 feet south of Tiverton Lane
    - Blake Mountain Circle, from Galloway Drive to a point 400 feet east of Galloway Drive
    - Blakewood Court, from Galloway Drive to a point 250 feet north of Galloway Drive
    - Clay Street, from Kendall Street to Baker Avenue
    - Clovelly Way, from US 25 (Hendersonville Road) to a point 340 feet north of Tiverton Lane
    - Deanwood Circle, from US 25 (Hendersonville Road) to a point 660 feet east of Caribou Road
    - Forest Lake Drive, from Rock Hill Road to Forest Lake Drive
    - Forestdale Drive, from US 25 (Hendersonville Road) to a point 665 feet east of Caribou Road
    - Galloway Drive, from Westridge Drive to a point 680 feet south of Blake Mountain Circle
    - Glen Woods Court, from Forest Lake Drive to a point 230 feet east of Forest Lake Drive
    - Goldfinch Lane, from Forest Lake Drive to a point 150 east of Forest Lake Drive
    - Griffing Circle, from Maplewood Road to South Griffing Boulevard
    - Indiana Avenue, from Hanover Street to Swannanoa Avenue
    - Innsbrook Road, from Grovewood Road to Old Toll Road
    - Kingbird Lane, from Forest Lake Drive to a point 160 feet south of Forest Lake Drive
    - Long Street, from East Larchmont Road to Edgewood Road
    - Maplewood Parkway, from Maplewood Road to Northwood Road

    - Maplewood Road, from South Griffing Boulevard to Grovewood Road
    - Martin Avenue, from US 19-23 Business (Haywood Road) to Clay Street
    - Meadow Lake Road, from Forest Lake Drive to a point 960 feet south of Forest Lake Drive
    - Melody Lane, from Fairview Road to a point 990 feet north of Fairview Road
    - North Liberty Street, from East Chestnut Street to Hillside Street
    - Northview Street, from West Street to Forsythe Street
    - Northwood Road, from Woodcrest Road to a point 480 feet north of Maplewood Parkway
    - Oak Hill Circle, from Oak Hill Drive to Oak Hill Drive
    - Oak Hill Drive, from NC 63 (New Leicester Highway) to Hazel Mill Road
    - Oakwilde Drive, from Briarcliff Drive to a point 650 feet east of Stancliff Drive
    - Rock Hill Road Extension, from Rock Hill Road to Miller Lane
    - South Liberty Street, from East Chestnut Street to Elm Street
    - Sawmill Road, from Forest Lake Drive to a point 360 feet south of Forest Lake Drive
    - Simpson Hollow Road, from Forest Lake Drive to a point 600 feet north of Forest Lake Drive
    - Sumner Place, from Grovewood Road to Grovewood Road
    - Tiverton Lane, from Clovelly Lane to a point 225 feet north of Bideford Row
    - Woodcrest Place, from Woodcrest Road to a point 170 feet west of Woodcrest Road
    - Woodcrest Road, from Maplewood Parkway to Old Toll Road

- Staff recommends that the speed limit on the following street will be changed from 35 miles per hour to 30 miles per hour:
    - Ralph Street, from Bartlett Street to South French Broad Avenue

Council Goal(s):
- Transportation and Accessibility.

Committee(s):
- None

Pro(s):
- City staff has been able to respond favorably to public requests.
- The new speed limits will be consistent with streets of similar characteristics and design.
- Drivers should adhere to the recommended speed limits on these streets.
- The new speed limits will provide enhanced safety to all users.

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 20 mph speed limit on Balm Grove Place, from Balm Grove Avenue to Martin Avenue, Georgia Street, from Craven Street to Reynolds Road, London Road, from Sweeten Creek Road (US 25) to Belvedere Road, Westview Road, from NC 694 (Town Mountain Road) to Oak Park Road, Windswept Drive, from College Street to Alexander Drive; and (2) a 25 mph speed limit on Alabama Avenue, from Hanover Street to Swannanoa Avenue, Baker Avenue, from US 19-23 Business (Haywood Road) to Burton Street, Bideford Row, from a point 725 feet north of Tiverton Lane to a point 500 feet south of Tiverton Lane, Blake Mountain Circle, from Galloway Drive to a point 400 feet east of Galloway Drive, Blakewood Court, from Galloway Drive to a point 250 feet north of Galloway Drive, Clay Street, from Kendall Street to Baker Avenue, Clovelly Way, from US 25 (Hendersonville Rd) toa point 340 feet north of Tiverton Ln, Deanwood Circle, from US 25 (Hendersonville Rd) to a point 660 feet east of Caribou Road, Forest Lake Drive, from Rock Hill Road to Forest Lake Drive, Forestdale

Drive, from US 25 (Hendersonville Rd) to a point 655 feet east of Caribou Road, Galloway Drive, from Westridge Drive to a point 680 feet south of Blake Mountain Circle, Glen Woods Court, from Forest Lake Drive to a point 230 feet east of Forest Lake Drive, Goldfinch Lane, from Forest Lake Drive to a point 150 feet east of Forest Lake Drive, Griffing Circle, from Maplewood Road to South Griffing Boulevard, Indiana Avenue, from Hanover Street to Swannanoa Avenue, Innsbrook Road, from Grovewood Road to Old Toll Road, Kingbird Lane, from Forest Lake Drive to a point 160 feet south of Forest Lake Drive, Long Street, from East Larchmont Road to Edgewood Road, Maplewood Parkway, from Maplewood Road to Northwood Road, Maplewood Road, from South Griffing Boulevard to Grovewood Road, Martin Avenue, from US 19-23 Business (Haywood Road) to Clay Street, Meadow Lake Road, from Forest Lake Drive toa point 960 feet South of Forest Lake Drive, Melody Lane, from Fairview Road to a point 990 feet north of Fairview Road, North Liberty Street, from East Chestnut Street to Hillside Street, Northview Street, from West Street to Forsythe Street, Northwood Road, from Woodcrest Road to a point 480 feet north of Maplewood Parkway, Oak Hill Circle, from Oak Hill Drive to Oak Hill Drive, Oak Hill Drive, from NC 63 (New Leicester Highway) to Hazel Mill Road, Oakwilde Drive, from Briarcliff Drive to a point 650 feet east of Stancliff Drive, Rock Hill Road Extension, from Rock Hill Road to Miller Lane, South Liberty Street, from East Chestnut Street to Elm Street, Sawmill Road, from Forest Lake Drive to a point 360 feet south of Forest Lake Drive, Simpson Hollow Road, from Forest Lake Drive to a point 600 feet north of Forest Lake Drive, Sumner Place, from Grovewood Road to Grovewood Road, Tiverton Lane, from Clovelly Way to a point 225 feet north of Bideford Row, Woodcrest Place, from Woodcrest Road to a point 170 feet west of Woodcrest Road, Woodcrest Road, from Maplewood Parkway to Old Toll Road; and (3) a 30 mph speed limit on Ralph Street, from Bartlett Street to South French Broad Avenue.

Attachment(s)

- Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II, DIVISION 1, SECTIONS 23 AND 24 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 Balm Grove Place, Georgia Street, London Road, Westview Road, and Windswept Drive should be set at twenty miles per hour; and

WHEREAS the City Council has determined that the speed limit for Alabama Avenue, Baker Avenue, Bideford Row, Blake Mountain Circle, Blakewood Court, Clay Street, Clovelly Way, Deanwood Circle, Forest Lake Drive, Forestdale Drive, Galloway Drive, Glen Woods Court, Goldfinch Lane, Griffing Circle, Indiana Avenue, Innsbrook Road, Kingbird Lane, Long Street, Maplewood Parkway, Maplewood Road, Martin Avenue, Meadow Lake Road, Melody Lane, North Liberty Street, Northview Street, Northwood Road, Oak Hill Circle, Oak Hill Drive, Oakwilde Drive, Rock Hill Road Extension, South Liberty Street, Sawmill Road, Simpson Hollow Road, Sumner Place, Tiverton Lane, Woodcrest Place, and Woodcrest Road should be set at twenty five miles per hour; and

WHEREAS the City Council has determined that the speed limit for Ralph Street should be set at thirty 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 25 (b) 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:

Deanwood Circle, in its entirety

Forestdale Drive, in its entirety

Section 2: That Article II, Division I, Section 24 (b) 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 remove:

Oak Hill Road, between Hazel Mill Road and Leicester Road

Oakwilde Drive, from Briarcliff Drive to a point 650 feet west of Stancliff Drive

Windswept Drive, from College Street to Alexander Drive

Section 3: That Article II, Division I, Section 23 (b) of Appendix C of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Asheville (Speed Limits – Twenty miles per hour, City system) be amended to remove:

London Road, between Sweeten Creek Road (U.S. 25) and Bellview Road

Section 4: That Article II, Division I, Section 23 (b) of Appendix C of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Asheville (Speed Limits – Twenty miles per hour, City system) be amended to include:

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Section 6: That Article II, Division I, Section 25 (b) 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:

Ralph Street, from Bartlett Street to South French Broad Avenue

Section 7: That all Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 8: 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 25th day of August, 2020.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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CITY ATTORNEY