



## **STAFF REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL**

**DATE:** Regular Meeting of March 11, 2024

**TO:** Mayor Bailey and Members of the City Council

**VIA:** Dante Hall, City Manager

**SUBMITTED BY:** Nanda Gottiparthi, Acting City Engineer  
Christie Crawl, City Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Amendment to Hercules Municipal Code section 3-4.1601 to reflect the Adopted Kimley-Horn Speed Survey

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Waive first reading and introduce by title only an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Hercules Amending the Hercules Municipal Code Section 3-4.1601 "Changed Speed Limits" to Reflect the Results and Recommendations of the Kimley-Horn Speed Survey

### **DISCUSSION:**

The California Vehicle Code (CVC) generally requires that cities prepare Engineering and Traffic Surveys (i.e. speed surveys) every 5 years for most types of roads in order to allow the continued use of radar for traffic enforcement of posted speed limits. Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. (Kimley-Horn) was commissioned in the Fall of 2024 to complete a new speed survey by 2025.

Speed limits are codified in Section 3-4.1601 "Changed Speed Limits" of the Hercules Municipal Code. Kimley-Horn's speed survey included 4 new street segments (identified as segment numbers 4, 13, 16 and 17 in the survey) that are not listed in the Municipal Code: John Muir Parkway between Alfred Nobel Drive and Bayfront Boulevard, Sycamore Avenue between Palm Avenue and SR-4, Willow Avenue between Canterbury and Palm Avenue, and Willow Avenue between Palm Avenue and Sycamore Avenue. There were also two codified speed limits in Section 3-4.1601 that are inconsistent with both the survey and what is actually posted: San Pablo Avenue from City limit to City limit, and Turquoise Drive from Sycamore to Cinnabar.

The City Council approved the speed survey at its February 11, 2025 meeting and authorized the City Manager to accept its recommendations and prepare changes to Hercules Municipal Code section 3-4.1601 consistent with the survey, including corrections necessary to reflect existing posted speed limits confirmed by the survey. The proposed Ordinance (attached as Attachment 1) amends Section 3-4.1601 accordingly.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no financial impact involved with the adoption of this Ordinance.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1 – Draft Ordinance

Attachment 2 – Kimley-Horn 2025 Speed Survey