

CITY OF HERCULES ORDINANCE NO. _____

**ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERCULES, CALIFORNIA,
AMENDING THE HERCULES MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 3-4.1601 “CHANGED
SPEED LIMITS” TO REFLECT THE RESULTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
KIMLEY-HORN SPEED SURVEY**

WHEREAS, the California Vehicle Code (CVC) generally requires Engineering and Traffic Surveys (i.e. speed surveys) to be prepared every 5 years to allow for the continued use of radar for traffic enforcement of posted speed limits; and

WHEREAS, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. (Kimley-Horn) was commissioned in the Fall of 2024 to complete a new speed survey in 2025; and

WHEREAS, Kimley-Horn performed radar speed surveys along a total of 17 street segments in the City to determine if changes to the current posted speed limits are necessary and justified; and

WHEREAS, based on their speed survey results, Kimley-Horn recommended that the speed limits for the 17 street segments remain unchanged from the existing posted speed limits; and

WHEREAS, speed limits are codified in Section 3-4.1601 “Changed Speed Limits” of the municipal code (attached) and require a new ordinance to change. Kimley-Horn’s speed survey included 4 new street segments (Nos. 4, 13, 16 & 17) that are not included in the municipal code, as well as 4 existing street segments (Nos. 8, 9 11, 12 & 13) whose speed limits are shown inaccurately in the Code. For that reason, City staff is recommending the municipal code changes; and

WHEREAS, the City Council considered the recommendations contained in Kimley-Horn’s speed survey at its February 11, 2025 meeting and thereafter adopted Resolution No. 25-006 authorizing the City Manager to accept the recommendations contained in the Kimley-Horn speed survey and directing City staff to prepare an ordinance to amend the Hercules Municipal Code Section 3-4.1601 “Changed Speed Limits”; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2025, the City Council considered the proposed Ordinance, received the staff report and staff presentation, received comments from the public and interested parties and discussed the matter, and waived first reading and introduced the Ordinance by title only; and

WHEREAS, on March ____, 2025, the City Council waived second reading and adopted the Ordinance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERCULES DOES
HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. Recitals. The City Council hereby incorporates the above recitals into this Ordinance by this reference.

SECTION 2. CEQA. The City Council finds and determines that adoption of this Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) – the “Common Sense Exemption.” The Common Sense Exemption applies only to projects where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, therefore the activity is not subject to CEQA. The Ordinance would modify the Hercules Municipal Code Section 3-4.1601 “Changed Speed Limits” to amend specified speed limits, which is an activity that is purely administrative and would not authorize construction or any other actions that could impact the environment. Thus, the Ordinance is not a project under CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 17378.

SECTION 3. Amendment. Deletions to the Hercules Municipal Code are shown in ~~strike through~~. Additions are shown in double underline. The City Council of the City of Hercules does hereby amend Hercules Municipal Code Section 3-4.1601 “Changed Speed Limits” is to read as follows:

Sec. 3-4.1601 Changed Speed Limits.

When the Director of Public Works has determined upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that speed limits other than those prescribed by State law are necessary for the safe operation of vehicles, the City Council may by ordinance designate those streets or portions of streets where such changed speed limits shall apply. The Director of Public Works shall place and maintain appropriate signs giving notice of such speed limits.

Pursuant to the provisions of this section, changed speed limits are in effect on the following streets:

STREET LOCATION	SPEED LIMITS
ALFRED NOBEL DRIVE	
John Muir Parkway to End	35
BAYBERRY STREET	
Sycamore to End	40
BONAIRE AVENUE	
Mandalay to End	25
CANTERBURY DRIVE	
Brighton to Willow	25

STREET LOCATION	SPEED LIMITS
CARSON STREET	
Coronado to Refugio Valley	25
CORONADO STREET	
Refugio Valley to Carson	30
Carson to End	25
FALCON WAY	
Refugio Valley to Sparrow	25
HERCULES AVENUE	
Village Parkway to Titan	25
Titan to Fawcett	25
HIGHWAY 4	
San Pablo to City Limits	50
JAMES WATSON DRIVE	
Linus Pauling to End	35
JOHN MUIR PARKWAY	
San Pablo to Alfred Nobel Drive	35
<u>Alfred Nobel Dr. to Bayfront Blvd.</u>	<u>25</u>
LINUS PAULING DRIVE	
San Pablo Avenue to End	35
LUPINE ROAD	
Sycamore to Redwood	25
MANDALAY AVENUE	
Refugio Valley to Grenadine	25
PALM/SYCAMORE AVENUE	
City Limits to End	40
<u>Palm Ave. to SR-4 Ramps</u>	<u>40</u>
PARTRIDGE DRIVE	
Pheasant to Refugio Valley	25

STREET LOCATION	SPEED LIMITS
PHEASANT DRIVE	
Refugio Valley to Turquoise	25
REDWOOD ROAD	
Sycamore to Refugio Valley	25
REFUGIO VALLEY ROAD	
Sycamore to Partridge	35
Partridge to Redwood	40
Redwood to Bonaire	35
SAN PABLO AVENUE	
City Limit to City Limit	45 <u>40</u>
SANTA FE AVENUE	
Hercules to Fawcett	25
Fawcett to Railroad	25
SHEPARD STREET	
Coronado to End	25
SPARROW DRIVE	
Partridge to Pheasant	25
SYCAMORE AVENUE	
San Pablo to Civic Drive	35
Civic Drive to Palm/Sycamore	35
TURQUOISE DRIVE	
Sycamore to Cinnabar	30 <u>25</u>
Cinnabar to Pheasant	25
VILLAGE PARKWAY	
Hercules to Hercules	25
VIOLET ROAD	

Lupine to Lupine 25

WILLOW AVENUE

City Limit to Highway 4 40

Canterbury to Palm Ave. 35

Palm Ave. to Sycamore 35

SECTION 4. Codification. Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be codified in the Hercules Municipal Code. Sections 1, 2, and 4-6 shall not be so codified.

SECTION 5. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decisions shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Council hereby declares that it would have adopted the Ordinance, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be deleted.

SECTION 6. Effective Date and Publication. The City Clerk shall certify the adoption of this Ordinance and shall publish or post the Ordinance as required by law. This Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days from date of final adoption.

THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE was first read at a regular meeting of the Hercules City Council on the 11th day of March, 2025, and was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Hercules City Council on the _____ day of March, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Dion Bailey, Mayor

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City Clerk