



**CITY OF LONG BEACH**  
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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
 City of Long Beach  
 California

**SUBJECT:** Amendment to Sections 10.12.010 and 10.12.020 of the Long Beach Municipal Code Relating to Speed Limits on City Streets (Districts 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9)

**DISCUSSION**

Under the provisions of Section 40802 of the California Vehicle Code, engineering and traffic surveys are a necessary prerequisite to radar enforcement of speed limits. Any posted limit, other than the maximum limit of 65 miles per hour (mph) or the prima facie 25 mph limit on local streets in a business or residential district, must be justified by such a survey in order to employ radar enforcement. The City updates the engineering and traffic surveys for each speed zone every five years to validate speed limits and to facilitate enforcement within the City.

Based upon the results of 84 engineering and traffic surveys recently conducted and approved by the City Traffic Engineer, 7 street segments warrant a 5 mph decrease of their existing speed limits, 6 street segments warrant a 5 mph increase and the establishment of a new speed zone is recommended on 2 street segments. The remaining 69 segments warranted no change in existing limits, but remain enforceable based upon their updated surveys. The following street segments, as highlighted on the attached vicinity maps, are recommended for change:

Street	Limits		Speed Limit Change	
	From	To	From	To
Appian Way	Park Avenue	Monrovia Avenue	35	30
Appian Way	Monrovia Avenue	Bay Shore Avenue	35	30
Bellflower Boulevard	Spring Street	Willow Street	40	35
Bellflower Boulevard	PCH	Colorado Street	40	35
Bellflower Boulevard	Colorado Street	Loynes Drive	30	35
Cherry Avenue	NCL	UPRR overcrossing	35	40
Cherry Avenue	Wardlow Road	Spring Street	40	35
Long Beach Boulevard	56 <sup>th</sup> Street	Arbor Street	30	35
Ocean Boulevard	Bennett Avenue	Bay Shore Avenue	35	30

Street	Limits		Speed Limit Change	
	From	To	From	To
Ocean Boulevard	Bay Shore Avenue	55 <sup>th</sup> Place	35	30
Orange Avenue	Artesia Boulevard	South Street	30	35
Pacific Avenue	Spring Street	Willow Street	30	35
Roswell Avenue	7 <sup>th</sup> Street	3 <sup>rd</sup> Street	-	25
Roswell Avenue	3 <sup>rd</sup> Street	Livingston Drive	-	25
2 <sup>nd</sup> Street	Naples Plaza	PCH	35	40

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Lisa Peskay Malmsten on July 21, 2004 and David Wodynski, Budget Management Officer on July 20, 2004.

**TIMING CONSIDERATIONS**

Council action on this matter is not time critical.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The cost of materials and installation of the proposed "Speed Limit" signs is estimated at \$5,000. Sufficient funds are budgeted in Capital Improvement Project No. PW5110 in the Capital Projects Fund (CP 201) in the Department of Public Works (PW) to support this activity.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:**

1. Request the City Attorney to prepare an amendment to Section 10.12.010 of the Long Beach Municipal Code, as listed below:
  - A. Subsection 4, referring to speed limits on Appian Way, by modifying paragraph "a" to read as follows:
 

"a. Monrovia Avenue to Bay Shore Avenue, thirty (30) miles per hour,"
  - B. Subsection 10, referring to speed limits on Bellflower Boulevard, by modifying paragraph "c" to read as follows:
 

"c. Spring Street to Willow Street, thirty-five (35) miles per hour,"
  - C. Subsection 26, referring to speed limits on Long Beach Boulevard, by modifying paragraphs "b" and "g" to read as follows:



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- "a. Those portions of the street within the city, between the city limits near Seventieth Street and the Union Pacific Railroad overcrossing near Fifth-Third Street, forty (40) miles per hour,"
- "e. Wardlow Road to the city limits near Spring Street, thirty-five (35) miles per hour;"

D. Subsection 44, referring to speed limits on Second Street, by modifying paragraph "a" to read as follows:

- "a. Naples Plaza to Pacific Coast Highway, forty (40) miles per hour;"

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments

APPROVED:



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