

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - XXXX

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN MARCOS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC SURVEY AND ESTABLISHING PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS ON SPECIFIED CITY STREETS AND AMENDING THE CITY OF SAN MARCOS TRAFFIC SCHEDULE FOR SPEED ZONES PER SAN MARCOS MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 12.04.020

WHEREAS, California Vehicle Code sections 22357 – 22366, inclusive, authorize the City of San Marcos (“City”) to establish prima facie speed limits on roadways within its jurisdiction following an engineering and traffic survey; and

WHEREAS, the City Municipal Code Section 12.04.020 authorizes the City Council to establish and amend the traffic schedule for speed zones; and

WHEREAS, the City most recently considered and adopted engineering and traffic surveys and adopted prima facie speed limits on specified roadway segments in 2008 pursuant to City Council Ordinance 2008-1307, and in 2017 pursuant to the then-City Engineer’s determination in June 2017 that no significant changes in roadway or traffic conditions had occurred since the date of the last engineering and traffic survey conducted for the roadway segments specified therein; and

WHEREAS, on or about October 16, 2023, a comprehensive Engineering and Traffic Survey of ninety eight (98) roadway segments within the City (“Affected Road Segments”) was completed on behalf of the City by CR Associates (“2024 Survey”), which 2024 Survey evaluated free-flow speed data collected between December 2022 and February 2023 and supplemented with additional speed data in April 2024 and May 2024 on the Affected Road Segments, which survey is attached hereto as Attachment A and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Survey included a recommendation to retain all but 14 of the existing City speed limits for the Affected Road Segments, and to modify 12 of the Affected Road Segments to decrease the posted speed limits, and to modify two of the Affected Road Segments to increase the posted speed limits; and

WHEREAS, the posted speed limit for Alamitos Way from Oleander Avenue to Descanso Avenue is currently 30 miles per hour (mph), and the 85th percentile speed

was determined to be 22 mph, resulting in a recommendation to reduce the speed limit of said road segment to 25 mph; and

WHEREAS, the posted speed limit for Capalina Road from Rancho Santa Fe Road to Pacific Street is currently 35 miles per hour, and the 85th percentile speed was determined to be 35 mph, resulting in a recommendation to reduce the speed limit of said road segment to 30 mph; and

WHEREAS, the posted speed limit for Las Posas Road from Grand Avenue to San Marcos Boulevard is currently 45 miles per hour, and the 85th percentile speed was determined to be 43 mph, resulting in a recommendation to reduce the speed limit of said road segment to 40 mph; and

WHEREAS, the posted speed limit for Linda Vista Drive from Western City Limits to W Linda Vista Drive is currently 40 miles per hour, and the 85th percentile speed was determined to be 35 mph, resulting in a recommendation to reduce the speed limit of said road segment to 30 mph; and

WHEREAS, the posted speed limit for Linda Vista Drive from Las Posas Road to Grand Avenue is currently 40 miles per hour, and the 85th percentile speed was determined to be 37 mph, resulting in a recommendation to reduce the speed limit of said road segment to 35 mph; and

WHEREAS, the posted speed limit for Rancho Santa Fe Road from Mission Road to San Marcos Boulevard is currently 40 miles per hour, and the 85th percentile speed was determined to be 36 mph, resulting in a recommendation to reduce the speed limit of said road segment to 35 mph; and

WHEREAS, the posted speed limit for San Marcos Boulevard from Business Park Drive to Viewpoint Drive is currently 50 miles per hour, and the 85th percentile speed was determined to be 51 mph, resulting in a recommendation to reduce the speed limit of said road segment to 45 mph; and

WHEREAS, the posted speed limit for Smilax Road from S Santa Fe Avenue to Oleander Avenue is 35 miles per hour, and the 85th percentile speed was determined to be 34 mph, resulting in a recommendation to reduce the speed limit of said road segment to 30 mph; and

WHEREAS, the posted speed limit for Twin Oaks Valley Road from San Marcos Boulevard to Barham Drive is currently 45 miles per hour, and the 85th percentile speed was determined to be 39 mph, resulting in a recommendation to reduce the speed limit of said road segment to 40 mph; and

WHEREAS, the posted speed limit for Twin Oaks Valley Road from Barham Drive to Craven Road is currently 45 miles mph, and the 85th percentile speed was determined to be 40 mph, resulting in a recommendation to reduce the speed limit of said road segment to 40 mph; and

WHEREAS, the posted speed limit for Via Vera Cruz from Discovery Street to Honeysuckle Drive is currently 35 mph, and the 85th percentile speed was determined to be 34 mph, resulting in a recommendation to reduce the speed limit of said road segment to 30 mph; and

WHEREAS, the posted speed limit for W Linda Vista Drive from Tilley Lane to Poinsettia Avenue is currently 40 mph, and the 85th percentile speed was determined to be 41 mph, resulting in a recommendation to reduce the speed limit of said road segment to 35 mph; and

WHEREAS, the posted speed limit for Knoll Road from Mission Road to San Marcos Boulevard is currently 35 mph, and the 85th percentile speed was determined to be 43 mph, resulting in a recommendation to increase the speed limit of said road segment to 40 mph; and

WHEREAS, the posted speed limit for Melrose Drive from Rancho Santa Fe Road to San Elijo Road is currently 40 mph, and the 85th percentile speed was determined to be 48 mph, resulting in a recommendation to increase the speed limit of said road segment to 45 mph; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to update the adopted engineering and traffic surveys and adopted prima facie speed limits on the Affected Road Segments in accordance with the 2024 Survey; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend the traffic schedule for speed zones to be consistent with the speed limits on the Affected Road Segments in accordance with the 2024 Survey.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of San Marcos, in accordance with the freedom accorded to charter cities generally, and by the City charter specifically, does ordain as follows:

Section 1. In accordance with the Vehicle Code, an engineering and traffic survey has been performed that provides recommendations to establish the speed limit necessary for safe operation of vehicles on the Affected Road Segments. The prima facie speed limits for the Affected Road Segments are hereby approved, determined, and declared to be those shown on the 2024 Survey attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein, delineated as follows, and any and all previous determinations or declarations of the City of San Marcos in conflict with the same are hereby repealed and rescinded:

<b>STREET</b>	<b>SEGMENT</b>			<b>DECLARED PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMIT</b>
<b>Alamitos Way</b>	Oleander Ave	to	Descanso Ave	25
<b>Autumn Dr</b>	Pico Ave	to	Knoll Rd	25
<b>Barham Drive</b>	Twin Oaks Valley Rd	to	W. La Moree Rd	45
<b>Barham Drive</b>	W. La Moree Rd	to	EB SR-78 Off Ramp	45
<b>Barham Drive</b>	EB SR-78 Off Ramp	to	Woodland Pkwy	40
<b>Barham Drive</b>	Woodland Pkwy	to	SR-78 EB On Ramp	45
<b>Barham Drive</b>	EB SR-78 EB On Ramp	to	Eastern City Limits	40
<b>Barham Lane</b>	La Moree Rd	to	Shelly Dr	35
<b>Bennett Avenue</b>	Rock Springs Rd	to	Mission Rd	40
<b>Borden Rd</b>	Vineyard Rd	to	Mulberry Dr	25
<b>Borden Road</b>	Las Posas Rd	to	Camino Magnifico	40
<b>Borden Road</b>	Camino Magnifico	to	Comet Cir	40
<b>Borden Road</b>	Comet Cir	to	Twin Oaks Valley Rd	40
<b>Borden Road</b>	Twin Oaks Valley Rd	to	Vineyard Rd	35
<b>Borden Road</b>	Mulberry Dr	to	Rose Ranch Rd	40
<b>Borden Road</b>	Rose Ranch Rd	to	Woodland Pkwy	40
<b>Boulderidge Drive</b>	Rancho Santa Fe Rd	to	Melrose Dr	35
<b>Capalina Rd</b>	Las Flores Dr	to	Rancho Santa Fe Rd	25
<b>Capalina Road</b>	Rancho Santa Fe Rd	to	N. Pacific St	30
<b>Carmel Street</b>	Twin Oaks Valley Rd	to	Hill St	40
<b>Cassou Road</b>	West City Limits	to	Twin Oaks Valley Rd	35

<b>STREET</b>	<b>SEGMENT</b>			<b>DECLARED PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMIT</b>
<b>Center Dr</b>	Nordahl Rd	to	Avenida Ricardo	25
<b>Coronado Hills Drive</b>	La Moree Rd	to	Washingtonia Dr	35
<b>Cox Road</b>	Sycamore Dr	to	Birchwood Dr	30
<b>Craven Road</b>	Discovery St	to	Twin Oaks Valley Rd	45
<b>Deer Springs Road</b>	Northern City Limits	to	Twin Oaks Valley Rd	45
<b>Descanso Avenue</b>	Alamitos Wy	to	Las Flores Dr	35
<b>Descanso Avenue</b>	Las Flores Dr	to	Rancho Santa Fe Rd	35
<b>Discovery Street</b>	San Marcos Blvd	to	La Sombra Dr	25
<b>Discovery Street</b>	La Sombra Dr	to	Craven Rd	40
<b>Double Peak Drive</b>	Double Peak Park Entrance	to	San Elijo Rd	30
<b>Dovetail Dr</b>	San Elijo Rd	to	Fallsview Rd	25
<b>Elfin Forest Road</b>	Archer Rd	to	Calistoga Way	25
<b>Elfin Forest Road</b>	Windemere Dr	to	Archer Rd	30
<b>Elfin Forest Road</b>	Calistoga Wy	to	South City Limits	35
<b>Grand Avenue</b>	Las Flores Dr	to	Rancho Santa Fe Rd	30
<b>Grand Avenue</b>	Rancho Santa Fe Rd	to	Las Posas Rd	40
<b>Grand Avenue</b>	Las Posas Rd	to	San Marcos Blvd	45
<b>Knob Hill Rd</b>	Nordahl Rd	to	Bougher Rd	25
<b>Knoll Road</b>	Mission Rd	to	San Marcos Blvd	40
<b>La Cienega Road</b>	Twin Oaks Valley Rd	to	Mulberry Dr	40
<b>La Costa Meadows Drive</b>	Rancho Santa Fe Rd	to	Diamond St	35
<b>La Mirada Drive</b>	West City Limits	to	Las Flores Dr	25
<b>La Mirada Drive</b>	Rancho Santa Fe Rd	to	Las Posas Rd	35
<b>La Moree Road (East &amp; West)</b>	Barham Dr	to	Barham Dr	35
<b>La Noche Dr</b>	La Sombra Dr	to	Applewilde Dr	25
<b>Lake Ridge Dr</b>	Rancho Santa Fe Rd	to	Lodgepole Rd	25
<b>Las Flores Dr</b>	Via La Venta	to	S Santa Fe Ave	25
<b>Las Posas Road</b>	Avenida Leon (prev. N. Terminus)	to	Mission Rd	45
<b>Las Posas Road</b>	Mission Rd	to	Grand Ave	45
<b>Las Posas Road</b>	Grand Ave	to	San Marcos Blvd	40

<b>STREET</b>	<b>SEGMENT</b>			<b>DECLARED PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMIT</b>
<b>Linda Vista Drive</b>	Western City Limits	to	W Linda Vista Dr	30
<b>Linda Vista Drive</b>	Tilley Ln	to	Rancho Santa Fe Rd	35
<b>Linda Vista Drive</b>	Rancho Santa Fe Rd	to	Las Posas Rd	35
<b>Linda Vista Drive</b>	Las Posas Rd	to	Grand Ave	35
<b>Los Vallecitos Boulevard</b>	Las Posas Rd	to	Knoll Rd	40
<b>Melrose Drive</b>	Rancho Santa Fe Rd	to	San Elijo Rd	45
<b>Mission Road</b>	Rancho Santa Fe Rd	to	Las Posas Rd	40
<b>Mission Road</b>	Las Posas Rd	to	Knoll Rd	45
<b>Mission Road</b>	Knoll Rd	to	San Marcos Blvd	45
<b>Mission Road</b>	San Marcos Blvd	to	Mulberry Dr	45
<b>Mission Road</b>	Mulberry Dr	to	Woodland Pkwy	45
<b>Mission Road</b>	Woodland Pkwy	to	East City Limits	45
<b>Montiel Road</b>	Nordahl Rd	to	East City Limits	40
<b>Mulberry Drive</b>	Olive St	to	La Cienega Rd	40
<b>Mulberry Drive</b>	La Cienega Rd	to	Rose Ranch Rd	40
<b>Mulberry Drive</b>	Rose Ranch Rd	to	Mission Rd	45
<b>Nordahl Road</b>	Knob Hill Rd	to	Montiel Rd	40
<b>Oleander Ave</b>	Alamitos Way	to	Poinsettia Ave	25
<b>Olive St</b>	Marilyn Ln	to	Low Chaparral Dr	25
<b>Olive Street</b>	Twin Oaks Valley Rd	to	Low Chaparral Dr	40
<b>Pacific Street</b>	Grand Ave	to	Linda Vista Dr	35
<b>Pacific Street</b>	Linda Vista Dr	to	San Marcos Blvd	35
<b>Pico Ave</b>	San Marcos Blvd	to	Mission Rd	25
<b>Questhaven Road</b>	San Elijo Rd	to	Southern City Limits	30
<b>Rancheros Dr</b>	San Marcos Blvd	to	Valpreda Ave	25
<b>Rancheros Drive</b>	Valpreda Rd	to	Woodland Pkwy	40
<b>Rancheros Drive</b>	Woodland Pkwy	to	Mission Rd	35
<b>Rancho Santa Fe Road</b>	Mission Rd	to	San Marcos Blvd	35
<b>Rancho Santa Fe Road</b>	San Marcos Blvd	to	Island Dr	45
<b>Rancho Santa Fe Road</b>	Island Dr	to	Melrose Dr	45

STREET	SEGMENT			DECLARED PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMIT
Richland Road	Borden Rd	to	Rock Springs Rd	25
Richland Road	Rock Springs Rd	to	Mission Rd	25
Richmar Ave	Twin Oaks Valley Rd	to	Liberty Dr	25
Rock Springs Road	Richland Road	to	Woodland Pkwy	25
Rock Springs Road	Woodland Pkwy	to	Bennett Ave	35
Rose Ranch Road	Mulberry Dr	to	Lantana Ct	40
Rose Ranch Road	Lantana Ct	to	Borden Rd	30
San Elijo Rd (North)	800' S/O Baker St.	to	Elfin Forest Rd E (WB)	25
San Elijo Road	Rancho Santa Fe Rd	to	800' S/O Baker St	45
San Elijo Road	WB Elfin Forest	to	Stephanie Ct	35
San Elijo Road	Stephanie Ct	to	Questhaven Rd	45
San Elijo Road	Questhaven Rd	to	Double Peak Dr	45
San Elijo Road	Double Peak Dr	to	Ridgeline Trailhead Park	45
San Marcos Boulevard	Business Park Dr	to	Viewpoint Dr	45
San Marcos Boulevard	Viewpoint Dr	to	Rancho Santa Fe Rd	45
San Marcos Boulevard	Rancho Santa Fe Rd	to	Via Vera Cruz	45
San Marcos Boulevard	Via Vera Cruz	to	Grand Ave	40
San Marcos Boulevard	Grand Ave	to	Mission Rd	40
Security Place	Rancho Santa Fe Rd	to	San Marcos Blvd	25
Smilax Road	S. Santa Fe Ave	to	Oleander Ave	30
South Santa Fe Avenue	Smilax Rd	to	Rancho Santa Fe Rd	45
Twin Oaks Valley Road	Deer Springs Rd	to	La Cienega Rd	45
Twin Oaks Valley Road	La Cienega Rd	to	Windy Wy	50
Twin Oaks Valley Road	Windy Wy	to	San Marcos Blvd	45

<b>STREET</b>	<b>SEGMENT</b>			<b>DECLARED PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMIT</b>
<b>Twin Oaks Valley Road</b>	San Marcos Blvd	to	Barham Dr	40
<b>Twin Oaks Valley Road</b>	Barham Dr	to	Craven Rd	40
<b>Twin Oaks Valley Road</b>	Craven Rd	to	Village Dr (South)	45
<b>Twin Oaks Valley Road</b>	Village Dr (South)	to	Ridgeline Trailhead Park	45
<b>Via Vera Cruz</b>	Grand Ave	to	San Marcos Blvd	40
<b>Via Vera Cruz</b>	Discovery St	to	Honeysuckle Dr	30
<b>Vineyard Road</b>	Woodward St	to	Mulberry Dr	35
<b>W. Linda Vista Drive</b>	Poinsettia Ave	to	Tilley Ln	35
<b>Wild Canyon Drive</b>	Tucana Dr	to	San Elijo Rd	30
<b>Woodland Parkway</b>	Borden Rd	to	Mission Rd	40
<b>Woodland Parkway</b>	Mission Rd	to	Barham Dr	35
<b>Woodward Street</b>	Mulberry Dr	to	Borden Rd	35
<b>Woodward Street</b>	Borden Rd	to	Mission Rd	40

Section 2. This Ordinance shall not be codified.

Section 3. If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance or any part thereof is determined to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional by a decision or order of any court or agency of competent jurisdiction, then such decision or order will not affect the validity and enforceability of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council declares that it would have passed and adopted the Ordinance, and each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days following its adoption. Within fifteen (15) days following its adoption, the City Clerk shall publish this Ordinance or its title, together with the names of the Council Members voting thereon, in a newspaper of general circulation designated for legal notices publication in the City of San Marcos, as a summary as required by state law.

INTRODUCED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of San Marcos held on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024; and

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of San Marcos held on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:  
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:

APPROVED:

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Rebecca D. Jones, Mayor  
City of San Marcos

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Phillip Scollick, City Clerk  
City of San Marcos

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Helen Holmes Peak, City Attorney  
City of San Marcos