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ORDINANCE NO. 05-

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH
ESTABLISHING CITY WIDE POSTED SPEED LIMITS

WHEREAS, as the City of Hermosa Beach uses radar in the enforcement of its posted speed limits;

WHEREAS, as the State of California Vehicle Code states, in essence, that posted speed limits established under local authority, and conforming to the applicable sections and subsections of the State of California Vehicle Code may not be enforced through the use of radar or other electronic devices unless the posted speed limit has been reevaluated and justified by an engineering and traffic survey within the last five years;

WHEREAS, as the traffic and engineering survey as defined by the State of California Vehicle Code must consider the prevailing speeds on the roadway as determined by traffic engineering measurements, accident history and highway, traffic and roadside conditions pursuant to establishing a posted speed limit;

WHEREAS, staff conducted traffic counts and segment speed surveys citywide. Staff performed the required fieldwork to collect the biannual vehicular traffic volumes at 37 locations; and

WHEREAS, the City Traffic Engineer reviewed the roadway conditions and the studies conducted and recommended speed limit posting; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, upon considering the City Traffic Engineer's findings, amended said findings with reference to Valley Drive between Gould Avenue and 2nd Street, and Ardmore Avenue between Pier Avenue and 8th Street, finding that a speed limit posted at 25 mph on these street segments is justified by narrow streets, heavy pedestrian traffic, pedestrian and vehicular activity associated with use of three City parks that take access of these street segments, a Farmer's Market, and a school, and the fact that these street segments are designated as Safe Routes To School.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A new Chapter 10.40 is added to Title 10 of the Hermosa Beach Municipal Code to read as follows:

Chapter 10.40
SPEED REGULATIONS

Sections:

- 10.40.010 Basic Speed Law
- 10.40.020 Prima Facie Speed Limits
- 10.40.030 Signs

1 **10.40.010 Basic Speed Law**

2 No person shall drive a vehicle upon a road at a speed greater than is reasonable or prudent
3 having due regard for weather, visibility, the traffic on the road and road conditions, and in no event
4 at a speed that endangers the safety of persons or property.

5 **10.40.020 Prima Facie Speed Limits**

6 The prima facie speed that is most appropriate to facilitate the orderly movement of traffic and
7 is a speed limit that is reasonable and safe is set forth in the chart below with reference to those
8 streets or portions of streets so identified. No person shall operate any vehicle on the streets or
9 street segments identified below at a speed in excess of the speed set forth below.

<u>STREET</u>	<u>SEGMENTS</u>	<u>SPEED LIMIT (MPH)</u>
Ardmore Ave.	No. City Limit to Gould Ave.	35
	Gould Ave. to 21 st St.	30
	21 st St. to Pier Ave.	30
	Pier Ave. to 8 th St.	25
	8 th St. to 2 nd St.	25
Artesia Blvd.	Pacific Coast Hwy. To East City Limit	40
Aviation Blvd.	Pacific Coast Hwy. To East City Limit	35
Gould Ave.	Ardmore Ave. to Manhattan Ave.	25
Hermosa Ave.	27 th St. to 22 nd St.	30
	22 nd St. to 16 th St.	30
	8 th St. to Herondo St.	30
Herondo St.	Valley Dr. to Hermosa Ave.	35
Longfellow Ave.	Valley Dr. to Hermosa Ave.	25

1	Manhattan Ave.	No. City Limit to Longfellow Ave.	30
2		Longfellow Ave. to 27 th St.	30
3		Pier Ave. to 1 st St.	25
4	Monterey Ave.	19 th St. to Pier Ave.	25
5		Pier Ave. to Herondo St.	25
6		Artesia Blvd. to 15 th St.	35
7	Pacific Coast Hwy.	15 th St. to South City Limit	30
8	Pier Ave.	Pacific Coast Hwy. to Ardmore Ave.	25
9		Ardmore Ave. to Monterey Blvd.	25
10		Monterey Blvd. to Hermosa Ave.	25
11	Prospect Ave.	Artesia Blvd. to 21 st St.	25
12		21 st St. to Aviation Blvd.	25
13		Aviation Blvd. to 6 th ST.	25
14		6 th St. to South City Limit	25
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16	Valley Dr.	North City Limit to Gould Ave.	30
17		Gould Ave. to 21 st St.	25
18		21 st St. to Pier Ave.	25
19		Pier Ave. to 8 th St.	25
20		8 th St. to 2 nd St.	25
21	Second St.	Pacific Coast Hwy. to Valley Dr	25
22		Valley Dr. to Hermosa Ave.	25
23	Eighth St.	East City Limit to Pacific Coast Hwy.	25
24		Pacific Coast Hwy. to Ardmore Ave.	25
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26	Thirtieth St.	Pacific Coast Hwy. to Ardmore Ave.	25
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1 The prima facie speed that is most appropriate to facilitate the orderly movement of traffic and is
2 a speed limit that is reasonable and safe on all streets other than the streets listed above is 25
3 mph. No person shall operate a motor vehicle on any street in the City not listed in the chart
4 above in excess of 25 mph.

3 **10.40.030 Signs**

4 The Public Works Director is authorized and directed to install appropriate signs upon the
5 streets in the City giving notice of the prima facie speed limit established in this section.

6 Section 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phase, or portion of this
7 Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of
8 competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the invalidity of the remaining portions of this
9 Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance, and
10 each section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase or portion thereof, irrespective of
11 the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, sentences, clauses, phrases or
12 portions might subsequently be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

10 Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect thirty days after its adoption. The City
11 Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and shall cause this ordinance or a summary
12 thereof to be published in the manner required by law.

13 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Hermosa Beach at its regular meeting
14 held on _____, 2005.

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17 J.R. REVICZKY, MAYOR
18 CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH

17 ATTEST:

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21 ELAINE DOERFLING, CITY CLERK
22 CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH

23 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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27 MICHAEL JENKINS
28 CITY ATTORNEY

28 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA)**

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)

I, ELAINE DOERFLING, City Clerk of the City of Hermosa Beach, California, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing Ordinance was adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Hermosa Beach held on _____of _____, 2005.

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

ELAINE DOERFLING, CITY CLERK
CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH

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