

CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK CITY COUNCIL AGENDA COVER SHEET

Meeting Date December 14, 2023

Originating Department City Council

Contact Person Deputy Mayor French

Title Ordinance 23-1284/Amending the Municipal Code by amending Title 9,

Public Peace, Morals and Welfare, with a new Chapter 9.35, Street

Racing

Legislative History

First Presentation
 September 25, 2023 Committee of the Whole

Second Presentation
 November 30, 2023 Special Meeting

Third Presentation
 December 14, 2023 Regular Meeting

Attachments:

1. Ordinance 23-1284

Executive Summary

Due to increases in street racing events nationwide and within the Puget Sound area, which can result in collisions and sometimes serious injury and fatalities, Council directed the Administration to prepare an ordinance prohibiting street racing and providing a process of designating No Racing Zones within the city.

Background

Street racing threatens the health and safety of the public, interferes with pedestrian and vehicular traffic, creates a public nuisance, interferes with the right of businesses and residents to enjoy the use of their property, and unnecessarily expends law enforcement resources.

This proposed ordinance would prohibit not only street racing itself but also prohibit spectators at street races. By prohibiting spectators, the act of organizing and participating in illegal street races will be discouraged.

Fiscal & Policy Implications

None other than the publication of the ordinance.

Alternatives

Options	Results
Adopt Ordinance No. 23-1284	LFPMC will prohibit street racing and establish no racing zones.
Do not adopt Ordinance No. 23-1284	The draft ordinance may be revised based on feedback from the Council.

Staff Recommendation

Adopt Ordinance No. 23-1284 creating a new chapter 9.35 Street Racing.