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Staff Report

To: Mayor and City Council

Through: Danny Roberts, City Manager

From: Jeff Smith, Assistant City Manager

Date: September 10, 2026

Subject: Desire to Change Speed Limit on Covington Street from 30 MPH to 25 MPH

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff makes recommends no change to speed limit based on the engineering and traffic investigation.

FISCAL IMPLICATION: None

BACKGROUND:

- City of Loganville Ordinance § 32-7 states: “The speed zones of the city are established based on a traffic engineering study as required by state law.”
- State law sets the speed limit for residential districts at 30 MPH unless otherwise designated. (O.C.G.A. § 40-6-181 (b)(1))
- State law allows local jurisdictions to alter speed limits based on an “engineering and traffic investigation”. (O.C.G.A. § 40-6-183)
- City staff was asked to look into the feasibility of lowering the speed limit on Covington Street between Lawrenceville Road and Main Street from the current 30 MPH to 25 MPH.
- Data was collected on Covington Street over a period of time and in different conditions (namely with the speed display sign turned on and off). This data was provided to our engineers for an engineering analysis / traffic investigation into the feasibility of lowering the speed limit.
- After analyzing the data, the engineers report that the traffic speed data **does not support** lowering the speed limit from 30 MPH to 25 MPH. The 85th percentile speed (the speed at or below which 85% of the vehicles are traveling) was found to be in the 30-35 MPH range.
- Should the City Council lower the speed limit from 30 MPH to 25 MPH, the State of Georgia will not allow law enforcement to utilize speed detection devices (e.g. RADAR or LIDAR) to enforce the 25 MPH speed limit.