

DRAFT ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS AMENDING SECTION 15.30.235, "ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS ON CERTAIN STREETS," OF THE TOWN CODE ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS

WHEREAS, the Town recently completed a "road diet" project along Blossom Hill Road between Camilla Terrace and Cherrystone Drive to enhance bicycle and pedestrian safety along the corridor in the vicinity of Blossom Hill Elementary School;

WHEREAS, the project resulted in a reduction of vehicle travel lanes along Blossom Hill Road between Camilla Terrace and Cherrystone Drive;

WHEREAS, the Town conducted an Engineering Traffic Survey (ETS) to evaluate the project's impact on the travel speeds along the Blossom Hill Road corridor between Los Gatos Boulevard and Camino Del Cerro in conformance with California Vehicle Code Section 40802 which requires the reevaluation of non-statutory speed limits on segments of roadways that have undergone significant changes since the last review, such as the addition or elimination of parking or driveways, changes in the number of travel lanes, changes in the configuration of bicycle lanes, changes in traffic control signal coordination, or significant changes in traffic volumes;

WHEREAS, the ETS determined that the speed limits along this segment of Blossom Hill Road could be reduced from 35 mph to 30 mph;

WHEREAS, the Parks and Public Works Engineering Division also has an ETS on file that justifies the reduction of speed limits along Blossom Hill Road between Santa Cruz Avenue/Winchester Boulevard and Los Gatos Boulevard from 35 mph to 30 mph;

WHEREAS, California Vehicle Code Section 22357 states that, whenever a local authority determines upon the basis of an engineering and traffic survey (ETS) that a speed greater than 25 miles per hour would facilitate the orderly movement of vehicular traffic and would be reasonable and safe upon any street other than a state highway otherwise subject to a prima facie limit of 25 miles per hour, the local authority may, by ordinance, determine and declare a prima facie speed limit of 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, or 60 miles per hour or a maximum speed limit of 65 miles per hour, whichever is found most appropriate to facilitate the orderly movement of traffic and is reasonable and safe;

WHEREAS, California Vehicle Code Section 22358.7 authorizes the Town to reduce the speed limit by an additional 5 mph if the roadway is adjacent to any land or facility that generates high concentrations of bicyclists or pedestrians, especially those from vulnerable groups such as children, seniors, persons with disabilities, and the unhoused; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council, acting as the local authority, may reduce the speed limit along Blossom Hill Road between Santa Cruz Avenue/Winchester Boulevard and Camino Del Cerro from 35 mph to 30 mph by ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos as follows:

SECTION I. Section 15.30.235, “Establishing Speed Limits on Certain Streets,” of the Town Code is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 15.30.235. - Establishing speed limits on certain streets.

It is hereby determined upon the basis of an engineering and traffic survey that the following speed limits will facilitate the orderly movement of vehicular traffic and are reasonable and safe and are declared the prima facie speed limits and shall be effective when appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected upon the street.

Prima Facie Speed Limit Declared 15 mph

Charles Street, from Bella Vista Avenue to Los Gatos Boulevard

Marchmont Drive, from Hilow Road to east end

North Santa Cruz Avenue, from Main Street to Los Gatos-Saratoga Road

Prima Facie Speed Limit Declared 20 mph

Bella Vista Avenue, from New York Avenue to Caldwell Avenue

Cleland Avenue, from Reservoir Road to Kimble Avenue

College Avenue, from East Main Street to Prospect Avenue

Cypress Way, from Spring Street to east end

Foster Road, from Johnson Avenue to south Town limits

Jackson Street, from Oak Hill Way to Central Avenue

Kennedy Road, from one thousand nine hundred (1,900) feet east of Forrester Road to east Town limits

Kimble Avenue, from Cleland Avenue to Prospect Avenue

Phillips Avenue, from Cypress Way to South Kennedy Road

Reservoir Road, from Cleland Avenue to Prospect Avenue

University Avenue from Main Street to Mullen Avenue

Villa Avenue, from Jackson Street to Fiesta Way

Prima Facie Speed Limit Declared 25 mph

Andrews Street, from University Avenue to west Town limits

Bicknell Road, from Quito Road to Montclair Road

Capri Drive, from north Town limits to Knowles Drive

Carlton Avenue, from Los Gatos-Almaden Road to National Avenue

Cherry Blossom Lane, from Shannon Road to Blossom Hill Road

Glenridge Avenue, from Bachman Avenue to Pennsylvania Avenue

Harwood Road, from Blossom Hill Road to Town limits

Hernandez Avenue, from Glen Ridge Avenue to Town limits

Hilow Road, from Cardinal Lane to Shannon Road

Loma Alta Avenue, from Los Gatos Boulevard to Cypress Way

Los Gatos Boulevard, from Alpine Avenue to Roberts East Road

East Main Street, from Route 17 to Alpine Avenue

West Main Street, from Broadway to Route 17

Massol Avenue, from Saratoga Avenue to Bean Avenue

Montclair Road, from Quito Road to Bicknell Road

More Avenue, from Pollard Road to Bicknell Road

National Avenue, from Samaritan Drive to Los Gatos-Almaden Road

Nino Avenue, from Los Gatos Boulevard to west end

Oka Road, from Lark Avenue to Mozart Avenue

Old Blossom Hill Road from west end to east end

West Parr Avenue, from Pollard Road to Capri Drive

Pennsylvania Avenue, from Bayview Avenue to Wissahickon Avenue

Quito Road, from Pollard Road to Bicknell Road

North Santa Cruz Avenue, from Los Gatos-Saratoga Road to Blossom Hill Road

South Santa Cruz Avenue, from Main Street to SR 17 ramp
Tait Avenue, from West Main Street to Saratoga Avenue
University Avenue, from Mullen Avenue to Blossom Hill Road
Wedgewood Avenue, from Pollard Road to Wimbledon Drive
Westhill Drive, from Blossom Hill Road to Bacigalupi Drive
Wimbledon Drive, from Winchester Boulevard to Wedgewood Avenue
Winchester Boulevard, from Blossom Hill Road to east Vineland Avenue
All remaining residential and commercial streets

Prima Facie Speed Limit Declared 30 mph

Blossom Hill Road, from North Santa Cruz Avenue/Winchester Boulevard to Camino Del Cerro

Hicks Road, from Shannon Road to north Town limits

Kennedy road, from Los Gatos Boulevard to one thousand nine hundred (1,900) feet east of Forrester Road

Knowles Drive from Winchester Boulevard to Dell Avenue

Lark Avenue, from Winchester Boulevard to Los Gatos Boulevard

Shannon Road, from Los Gatos Boulevard to Short Road

Shannon Road, from Short Road to Hicks Road

Short Road, from Shannon Road to Old Blossom Hill Road

Prima Facie Speed Limit Declared 35 mph

~~Blossom Hill Road, from North Santa Cruz Avenue~~ Camino Del Cerro to Leigh Avenue east Town limits

Knowles Drive, from Pollard Road to Winchester Boulevard

Los Gatos-Almaden Road from Los Gatos Boulevard to east Town limits

Los Gatos Boulevard, from Roberts East Road to Samaritan Drive

Los Gatos-Saratoga Road from Los Gatos Boulevard to Alberto Way

Pollard Road, from Quito Road to Knowles Drive

Union Avenue, from Blossom Hill Road to Los Gatos-Almaden Road

University Avenue, from Blossom Hill Road to Lark Avenue

Winchester Boulevard, from Vineland Avenue to Knowles Drive

Prima Facie Speed Limit Declared 40 mph

Winchester Boulevard, from Knowles Drive to north Town limits

(Code 1968, § 16-43.2; Ord. No. 1810, § I, 2-5-90; Ord. No. 1866, §§ I, II, 9-3-91; Ord. No. 2028, §§ I, II, 2-18-97; Ord. No. 2119, §§ I, II, 10-20-03; Ord. No. 2223, §§ I, II, 11-18-13)

SECTION II. Severability.

In the event that a court of competent jurisdiction holds any Section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase in this Ordinance unconstitutional, preempted, or otherwise invalid, the invalid portion shall be severed from this Section and shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Section. The Town hereby declares that it would have adopted each Section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase in this Section irrespective of the fact that any one or more Sections, subsections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases in this Section might be declared unconstitutional, preempted, or otherwise invalid.

SECTION III. CEQA.

Adopting this Ordinance is not a project subject to CEQA because it can be seen with certainty that reducing the speed limit by five miles per hour will not impact the environment (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378).

SECTION IV. Publication.

In accordance with Section 63937 of the Government Code of the State of California, this Ordinance takes effect 30 days from the date of its passage. The Town Council hereby directs the City Clerk to cause this Ordinance or a summary thereof to be published or posted in accordance with Section 36933 of the Government Code of the State of California.

SECTION V. Effective Date.

This Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos on the ___ day of _____ 20 , and adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos at its regular meeting on the ___ day of _____ 20 , by the following vote:

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

SIGNED:

MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS
LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA

ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS
LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA