

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM MEMO
REGULAR MEETING**

SUBJECT: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 94 OF THE ROCHELLE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO SPEED LIMITS (Sunnymeade Drive)**

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Summary: To promote the health, Safety, and welfare of Rochelle residents and the motoring public it is necessary to amend certain portions of its traffic regulations contained within the City of Rochelle Municipal Code from time to time.

Sunnymeade Drive is a narrow residential street with a width of 31 feet from back of curb to back of curb. Parking is permitted along either side of the street. Sunnymeade Drive is used as a cut through route by some motorist as it connects with IL Route 251 and IL Route 38. Currently, Sunnymeade Drive falls under Chapter 94 Article III. Division 3 Sec.94-131. General Speed Restrictions of Rochelle's municipal code. This code states it is unlawful to drive any motor vehicle on any street not under the jurisdiction of the State in the county, within an urban district within the City, at a speed in excess of 30 miles per hour, unless the roadway is posted indicating a designated speed limit for that portion of the roadway, in which case the posted limit shall apply.

City staff have received several safety concerns from Sunnymeade Drive residents due to speeding and distracted motorists. Sunnymeade drive has a lot of vehicles that park on the street. With the narrow roadway, speeding, and distracted motorists, the safety of children and pedestrians stepping between parked vehicles into the travel way is a major concern.

To improve safety for Sunnymeade residents, the motoring public, and in consideration of the narrow roadway with vehicle parking along either side of the street, City staff believes it to be in the best interest of the City of Rochelle to amend Chapter 94 of the Rochelle Municipal code and designate and post Sunnymeade Drive with a speed limit of 20 miles per hour.

Funding Sources:

Source:	Budgeted Amount:	Proposed Expenditure:

Strategic Plan Goal Application: Evaluate and prioritize infrastructure maintenance needs for streets, sidewalks, water, wastewater, and stormwater.

Recommendation: Consider approving an ordinance amending Chapter 94 of the Rochelle Municipal Code Pertaining to Speed Limits (Sunnymeade Drive)