



Meeting Agenda Item Coversheet

MEETING DATE:		September 1, 2026	Submitted By: City Manager
SUBJECT: <i>This will be the name of the Item as it will appear on the Agenda</i>		Consideration of Ordinance No. 2026-10 on first reading, amending Chapter 24 of the City of Westlake Code of Ordinances to create Section 24-30, "School Zone Speed Detection Systems," authorizing the placement, installation, and operation of School Zone Speed Detection Systems (SDS) and establishing enforcement and hearing procedures consistent with Section 316.008(9), Florida Statutes.	
STAFF RECOMMENDATION: (MOTION READY)		I move to approve Ordinance No. 2026-10 on first reading, amending Chapter 24 of the City of Westlake Code of Ordinances by creating Section 24-30 entitled "School Zone Speed Detection Systems," and schedule the ordinance for second and final reading.	
SUMMARY and/or JUSTIFICATION:	The Florida Legislature has authorized municipalities to utilize School Zone Speed Detection Systems to enforce school zone speed limit violations under specified conditions. Prior to implementation, Florida law requires the governing body to adopt an ordinance authorizing the placement and installation of the systems and establishing procedures for enforcement and hearings. At its August 4, 2026 meeting, the City Council received a presentation from Greg Parks of RedSpeed Florida regarding the implementation of school zone speed enforcement technology and directed staff to proceed with the necessary steps to implement a school zone speed detection program. BACKGROUND Section 316.008(9), Florida Statutes, authorizes municipalities to use automated speed detection systems in school zones for vehicles traveling more than ten (10) miles per hour above the posted speed limit during designated school zone enforcement periods. Before implementing such a program, the City must: - Adopt an ordinance authorizing the placement and installation of the systems. - Consider traffic data and other evidence supporting the need for additional enforcement. - Determine that the school zone constitutes a heightened safety risk warranting additional enforcement measures. - Establish procedures for the issuance of notices of violation and related administrative hearings. RedSpeed Florida completed a traffic study entitled "School Zone Speed Report for the City of Westlake" evaluating traffic conditions in the vicinity of Seminole Ridge Community High School. Based upon the findings of the study and other evidence presented, the proposed ordinance identifies the school zone along Seminole Pratt Whitney Road adjacent to Seminole Ridge Community High School as a heightened safety risk warranting additional enforcement measures. The proposed ordinance creates Section 24-30 of the City Code and establishes: - Definitions related to school zone speed detection systems. - Findings supporting the use of automated enforcement. - Authorization for the placement, installation, and operation of the systems. - Notice of violation procedures.		

	Administrative hearing procedures before the City's Special Magistrate or designated hearing officer. Authority for the City Manager to implement procedures necessary to administer the program. LEGAL REVIEW The ordinance has been reviewed by the City Attorney and is consistent with Sections 316.008(9), 316.1895, and 316.1896, Florida Statutes. STAFF RECOMMENDATION Staff recommends that the City Council approve Ordinance No. 2026-10 on first reading and schedule second and final reading for a future City Council meeting.			
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IDENTIFY FULL RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE TITLE <i>(if Item is <u>not</u> a Resolution or Ordinance, please erase all default text from this field's textbox and leave blank)</i> <u>Please keep text indented.</u>	ORDINANCE 2026-10 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF WESTLAKE, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 24 ENTITLED "TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES," OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY SPECIFICALLY CREATING SECTION 24-30 ENTITLED "SCHOOL ZONE SPEED DETECTION SYSTEMS" OF ARTICLE III ENTITLED "TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT," TO AUTHORIZE THE PLACEMENT, INSTALLATION, AND OPERATION OF SPEED DETECTION SYSTEMS ON ROADWAYS MAINTAINED AS SCHOOL ZONES, ESTABLISH TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES WHEN SPEED DETECTION SYSTEMS ARE UTILIZED FOR SCHOOL ZONE SPEED LIMIT VIOLATIONS, AND CREATE HEARING PROCEDURES RELATING TO SUCH SCHOOL ZONE SPEED LIMIT VIOLATIONS; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.			
FISCAL IMPACT (if any):	Implementation costs and revenue impacts associated with the School Zone Speed Detection System program will be addressed through a separate agreement and budgetary process. Staff anticipates that vendor implementation and administration costs will be funded through revenues generated by the program in accordance with Florida law.			N/A