



## City Council Staff Report

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**Subject:** Amend Chapter 10.11 of Title 10 of the Rocklin Municipal Code

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**Department:** Public Services

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**Recommendation:**

Adopt an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Rocklin Amending Chapter 10.11 of Title 10 of the Rocklin Municipal Code Regarding Speed Limits within the City of Rocklin.

**Background:**

Cities and Counties in California are required to follow the California Vehicle Code (CVC), primarily Sections 22357 and 22358, to establish speed limits within their jurisdiction. The law requires speed limits to be set by ordinance on the basis of an Engineering and Traffic Survey (ETS). Following the CVC requirements allows local law enforcement to use radar equipment to enforce the speed limit.

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has an established set of standards and procedures for conducting an ETS. These standards require that for a speed limit to be radar enforceable, the posted speed limit should be set at the 5mph increment nearest the 85th percentile speed. The recommended speed limit can be lowered an additional 5mph if “conditions not readily apparent to motorists” are present. Conditions not readily apparent can be related to accident history, numerous driveways along the roadway, adjacent land uses, bike lanes, etc. The CVC requires that the speed surveys must be conducted every five to ten years, or when there is a major change to a roadway.

Staff recently performed a review of 85 road segments to update the City’s Engineering and Traffic Surveys (See Attachment 2). There are seven (7) speed limits for new speed zones, the reestablishment of one (1) speed limit for an existing speed zone, the reducing of one (1) speed limit for an existing speed zone and seventy-six (76) surveys with no change recommended (See Attachment 3).

A copy of the complete set of speed surveys (Attachment 4) is available at City Hall for review. The CVC requires that posted speed limits be consistent with the results of the ETS to be radar enforceable. City Engineer, Police, and the City Attorney are all in agreement that in

order for the City to be in compliance with State law for radar enforceable speed limits, speed limits must be established using the State requirements.

**Environmental Analysis:**

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) does not apply to activities that will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and therefore is not subject to CEQA.

**Fiscal Impact:**

There is no fiscal impact, the cost of changing speed limit signage is included in the existing Traffic Signals, lighting and roadway markings operating budget.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. [Ordinance](#)
2. [Summary 2023 Engineering Traffic Survey](#)
3. [Summary of Proposed Speed Limits](#)
4. [Engineering Speed Survey](#)