



MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 24, 2022

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
Dave Perrault, City Administrator

FROM: David Swearingen, P.E. Public Works Director / City Engineer
John Morast, P.E. Regional Director – HR Green

SUBJECT: Resolution 2022-049 25 MPH Citywide Speed Limit Implementation Plan

Budgeted Amount:
N/A

Actual Amount:
N/A

Funding Source:
N/A

Council Should Consider

Motions to approve, table, or deny the following:

- Resolution 2022-049, adopting 25 MPH Speed Limit Sign Plan for Roadways Under City Jurisdiction.

All items need a simple majority for action unless otherwise noted.

Background/Discussion

Minnesota Statute 169.14 Speed Limits, Zones; Radar regulates highway and roadway speeds in Minnesota. Subdivision 2 sets maximum speed limits on a variety of roads within a Municipality, such as 10 mph in alleys, 30 mph in urban districts, and 25 mph on residential roadways, if adopted by the road authority. In August 2019, the Minnesota Legislature changed the Statutes governing speed limits on city streets. The changes allow cities to establish speed on roads under the City’s jurisdiction, other than the statutory limits, without conducting an engineering and traffic investigation. Any speed limit changes must be implemented in a consistent and understandable manner. “The city must erect appropriate signs to display the speed limit. A city that uses the authority under this subdivision must develop procedures to set speed limits based on the city’s safety, engineering, and traffic analysis. At a minimum, the safety, engineering, and traffic analysis must consider national urban speed limit guidance and studies, local traffic crashes, and methods to effectively communicate the change to the public.” City Council has discussed speed limit changes on various roads, and called for a city-wide reduction on City owned and maintained streets, for a speed limit reduction from 30 MPH to 25 MPH.

The 25 MPH Citywide speed limits have been discussed with City Council, staff, Ramsey County Engineering and Sheriff, City Attorney and Prosecutor to ensure proper sign locations from engineering, legal and enforcement perspectives. The final speed limit signage plan can be reviewed in Attachment B.

The City of Arden Hills studied streets under the City's jurisdiction, developed a map of city streets and speed limits, determined the appropriateness of a speed limit change, discussed and communicated speed limit changes effectively, and in public settings.

The City of Arden Hills, as a safe, sustainable and walkable community, understands that lowering speed limits will provide for safer streets and reduce the likelihood of death or life-changing injuries.

Council action tonight is adopting Resolution 2022-049 adopting a 25 MPH Speed Limit Sign Plan for Roadways Under City Jurisdiction. The City Council of the City of Arden Hills accept the City of Arden Hills 25 MPH Speed Limit Sign Plan showing a reduced speed limit for city jurisdiction roadways of 25 mph, with the intent of amending the City Ordinance to establish the city-wide 25 MPH speed limit, with an effective date of February 1, 2023. An ordinance amending Chapter 8, Traffic and Motor Vehicles, Section 800, Traffic and Parking Regulation of the Arden Hills City Code will come at a later date. It is required to post the proposed ordinance on the City's website 10 days prior to the adoption of the ordinance. Once the official ordinance is approved future public communications will be put out in the City's newsletter, social media, and website.

Budget Impact

N/A

Attachments

Attachment A: Resolution 22-049
Attachment B: Speed Limit Signage Plan
Attachment C: PowerPoint