Ferndale City Council

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Department Prepared By: CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

AGENDA BILL #09-10-013

TITLE: ORDINANCE: SPEED LIMIT CHANGES – Hovander; Trigg

☑ Ordinance ☐ Resolution ☐ Motion ☐ Info Only ☐ Discussion

Date Council Action Requested: October 19, 2009
Prepared by: Linda Knutson, City Clerk

SUBJECT:

An Ordinance changing the speed limit on Hovander Road and Trigg Road.

	Reviewed By:	Date:
✓	Committee: P&LU PW&U F&A PH&NS	10-14-09
✓	Mayor	"
✓	City Administrator	"
✓	City Clerk's Office	"
	Community Development Dept	
✓	Public Works Department	ongoing
✓	City Attorney's Office	10-16-09
✓	Finance Director	10-14-09
	Police Department	
	Board/Commission	
	Hearings Examiner	

ACTION REQUESTED: approval **VOTE NEEDED TO PASS:** Maj

SUMMARY: Senior Foreman Bo Westford reviewed for the Public Works Committee two stretches of road on Trigg Road and Hovander Road that are being proposed for speed limit changes. On Trigg Road, due to increased development and traffic in the area, staff wants to lower the speed from 35 to 25 for safety. On Hovander the stretch in question can safely be raised from 25 to 35 mph.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS/ISSUES:

RECOMMENDATIONS: ***It was moved by Councilmember Ingram and seconded by Councilmember Hansen to recommend approval of the proposed speed limit changes to the full Council. Motion passed unanimously***

FISCAL IMPACT:

ALTERNATIVES:

ATTACHMENTS:

Staff Report
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City of Ferndale

CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: October 14 AGENDA BILL #_____

SUBJECT: **Speed Limit Changes Hovander Rd and Trigg Rd**

DATE: **October 15, 2009**

FROM: **Bo Westford**

PRESENTATION BY: **Bo Westford / Janice Marlega**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- ***Hovander Rd*** south of Neilson Avenue, increase speed limit from 25 to 35 mph.
- ***Trigg Rd*** east of Portal Way, decrease limit from 35 to 25 mph.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS:

- ***Hovander Rd*:** Both FPD and PW staff agree that the existing roadway geometrics allow vehicles to travel safely at 35 mph. The combined 85 percentile speed for this section of road is 38.7 mph (4/09 speed study). The proposed speed limit increase is consistent with the posted 35 mph on the majority of this road.
- ***Trigg Rd*:** Since the speed limits were adopted into FMC, this area has been developed and the landscape changed dramatically. There are now two new subdivisions which have resulted in a large increase in vehicle and pedestrian traffic along this section of roadway.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: Take no action and leave speed limits as currently posted.

FISCAL REVIEW: Approximately $500 to relocate existing signs.

LEGAL REVIEW: N/A

CONCLUSION: Staff recommends APPROVAL of the proposed speed limit changes.

ORDINANCE # 1543

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FERNDALE ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS OF STREETS THAT ARE TO BE CONSIDERED EXCEPTIONS TO THE STATE LAWS.

WHEREAS, the City Council for Ferndale has determined that there should be regulation of the speed of vehicles using the city streets, roads and highways; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is in the interest of the public health, safety and welfare

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FERNDALE, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. **State speed laws applicable - Exceptions**. The state traffic laws regulating the speed of vehicles at 25 MPH shall be applicable upon all streets within the City, except that the legislative authority of the City, as authorized by state law, may declare and determine by order, rule or regulation, properly adopted, that certain increased or decreased speed regulations shall be applicable upon specified streets or in certain areas, in which event it is unlawful for any person to operate a vehicle at a speed in excess of the speed so established when proper signs are in place giving notice thereof.

Section 2. Increasing state speed limit. Whenever conditions are found to exist upon an arterial street or highway which warrant an increase in the speed permitted by state law, the legislative authority of this City, subject to the approval of the State Highway Commission in cases involving state highways, shall determine and declare a reasonable and safe maximum speed limit for such arterial street or highway, or portion thereof, not to exceed 55 miles per hour. Pursuant to the foregoing authority, the following speed limits are established for the following streets and highways:

A. 45 Miles Per Hour (MPH)

1. Pacific Highway from its intersection with West Smith Road to south City limits.
2. Portal Way from north of its intersection with Trigg road to north City limits.

B. 35 Miles Per Hour (MPH)

1. Portal Way north of its intersection with Cedar Place to north of its intersection with Trigg Road.
2. Brown Road within City limits (between Malloy Road and Portal Way).
3. Malloy Road from south of its intersection with Malloy Lane to north City limits or Brown Road.
4. Main Street from east of its intersection with Barrett Avenue to east City limits.
5. Main Street from west of its intersection with Shannon Court to west City limits.
6. Barrett Avenue from south of its intersection with Main Street to its intersection with West Smith Road.
7. LaBounty Drive from east of its intersection with Nordic Way to its intersection with West Smith Road.
8. Hovander Road from south of its intersection with Nielsen Avenue to its intersection with Smith Road.

9. Smith Road from its intersection with Hovander Road to east City limits.

Section 3. Decreasing state speed limit. Whenever it is deemed inadvisable for vehicles to operate at the maximum speed allowed by state law at 25 MPH on any portion of a street or public highway on account of a sharp curvation, highway construction or repairs, excessive traffic, any dangerous condition, or other temporary or permanent cause, the legislative authority of the City, subject to the approval of the State Highway Commission in cases involving state highways, shall determine and fix a lower maximum speed or otherwise regulate a lesser speed; provided that in no case shall the maximum speed be reduced to less than 20 miles per hour.

Section 4. Posting of signs authorized. The City Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to cause appropriate signs to be posted informing the public of the speed limits established pursuant to this Ordinance.

Section 5. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 6. Effective Date. A summary of this Ordinance consisting of its title shall be published in the official newspaper of the City, and shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after the date of publication.

Passed and approved by the Ferndale City Council in regular session this _____day of _____, 2009.

ATTEST:

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Gary Jensen, Mayor

Linda Knutson, City Clerk