

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMARILLO ESTABLISHING A REDUCED SPEED LIMIT FROM 35 TO 30 MILES PER HOUR ON VENTURA BOULEVARD BETWEEN CAMARILLO CENTER DRIVE AND CARMEN DRIVE PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE SECTION 22358.7

The City Council of the City of Camarillo ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Findings. The City Council finds as follows:

A. AB 43, effective July 1, 2024, added Section 22358.7 to the California Vehicle Code, permitting local agencies flexibility to reduce speed limits. Section 22358.7 allows the City to reduce speed limits by five miles per hour in designated safety corridors, after completing an engineering and traffic survey and finding that the speed limit is still more than is reasonable or safe.

B. Upon the basis of an Engineering and Traffic Survey dated November 7, 2023, and conducted consistent with the California Vehicle Code, it has been determined that the speed limit is more than is reasonable or safe and therefore the Council declares that a reduction of the posted speed limit of five miles per hour from 35 miles per hour to a speed limit of 30 miles per hour is appropriate for Ventura Boulevard between Camarillo Center Drive and Carmen Drive.

C. The reasons for the speed limit reduction on Ventura Boulevard from Camarillo Center Drive to Carmen Drive from 35 mph to 30 mph are based on vacant land, a motel, a mobile home park, and residential backyards located to the south. There is a fast-food restaurant with a drive thru that routinely queues onto Ventura Boulevard to the north. There are traffic signals at Carmen Drive, and at Granada Street at the 101 Freeway southbound on/off ramps. A new traffic signal is under construction at Camarillo Center Drive. Due to the residential development, the fast-food restaurant, and the new traffic signal, it is determined and declared that the posted speed limit be reduced and set at 30 mph.

D. The speed limit is established in conformance with California Vehicle Code requirements for setting speed limits and will facilitate orderly vehicular traffic movement and will be reasonable and safe.

SECTION 2. Notice of Speed Limit. Prior to the issuance of citations, signs giving reasonable notice of the prohibitions contained in this section will be erected within the city as required by Vehicle Code section 21359 and Section 11.16.010 of the Camarillo Municipal Code.

SECTION 3. CEQA Determination. For purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000, et seq.), a "project" is defined in State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 (a) as "the whole of an action, which

has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment". The City Council hereby finds that the action to adopt this ordinance will not result in any reasonably foreseeable change in the environment and thus is not a project subject to the requirements of CEQA.

SECTION 4. Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this ordinance, and each section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 5. Publication. The City Clerk is directed to certify the adoption of this ordinance and cause the same to be published in the manner required by law.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of October 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF VENTURA)
CITY OF CAMARILLO) ss.

I, KRISTY BUXKEMPER, City Clerk of the City of Camarillo, do certify that Ordinance No. _____ was regularly introduced and placed upon its first reading at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 9th day of October 2024. Thereafter, said Ordinance No. _____ was duly adopted and passed at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 23rd of October 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers:
NOES: Councilmembers:
ABSENT: Councilmembers:

City Clerk

c: Department of Public Works
Police Department