



## City Council

### Approval of an Ordinance to Reduce the Speed Limit on 14th Avenue/Walnut Road from 35 MPH to 25 MPH

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#### **Title**

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#### **Recommended Action**

##### **Committee Recommendation:**

Not referred to a committee

##### **City Manager Recommendation:**

Move to approve the ordinance on second reading to reduce the speed limit on 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, from Cooper Point Road to Walnut Loop, and on Walnut Road, from Walnut Loop to Bing Street, from 35 mph to 25 mph.

#### **Report**

##### **Issue:**

Whether to approve an ordinance on second reading to reduce the speed limit on 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, from Cooper Point Road to Walnut Loop, and on Walnut Road, from Walnut Loop to Bing Street.

##### **Staff Contact:**

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##### **Presenter(s):**

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##### **Background and Analysis:**

Walnut Road/14<sup>th</sup> Avenue is classified as a collector street and the average daily traffic volume is approximately 910 vehicles. The speed limit is 35 mph from Olympia's west city limits east to Bing Street.

Staff recommends reducing the speed limit for the following safety reasons:

- The physical features of the street alignment, presence of residential driveways and people

biking and walking.

- Narrow grass/gravel shoulders for people to walk on and speed of vehicles.
- Safety of people biking due to narrow street width and speed of vehicles.

A consistent speed limit of 25 mph from Cooper Point Road to Division Street will give drivers greater ability to respond to the actions of all other uses.

**Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):**

During the past few years, staff has received concerns from citizens regarding the safety of people walking along 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Walnut Road. Most of the concerns are related to vehicle speeds. People are requesting that the City lower the speed limit on 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, from Cooper Point Road to Walnut Loop, and on Walnut Road, from Walnut Loop to Bing Street.

**Options:**

1. Approve the ordinance to reduce the speed limit on 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, from Cooper Point Road to Walnut Loop, and on Walnut Road, from Walnut Loop to Bing Street, from 35 mph to 25 mph on second reading.
2. Do not approve the ordinance to reduce the speed limit on 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, from Cooper Point Road to Walnut Loop, and on Walnut Road, from Walnut Loop to Bing Street, from 35 mph to 25 mph on second reading.

**Financial Impact:**

The budget impact to remove and replace speed limit signs and temporary traffic revision warning signs is \$600.

**Attachment(s):**

Ordinance

Summary of Engineering and Traffic Investigation for Change in Speed Limit