ORDINANCE NO. _____ N.C.S.

Introduced by: _____   Seconded by: _____

AN INTORUDCTION (FIRST READING) OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PETALUMA TO REDUCE ENFORCEABLE SPEED FROM 25 MPH TO ~~20 MPH~~ 15 MPH WITHIN 500 FEET OF SCHOOL ZONES, AND FROM 25 MPH 20 MPH SPEEDS WITHIN THE BUSINESS ACTIVITY DISTRICT PURSUANT TO VEHICLE CODE SECTIONS 22358.4 AND 22358.9

WHEREAS, California Vehicle Code (CVC) Section 22358.9 permits local authorities to reduce the speed limits contiguous to a business activity district by five mph that meet specific conditions; and

WHEREAS, the streets that are included in **Attachment A** of this Ordinance, which is incorporated into this Ordinance, meet the specific requirements of CVC Section 22358.9 and are eligible for the City to reduce its speed; and

WHEREAS, California Vehicle Code Section 22358.4 permits local authorities to reduce the speed limits by five mph within 500 feet of school grounds for streets that meet specific conditions; and

WHEREAS, the streets that are included in **Attachment B** of this Resolution, which is incorporated into this Ordinance, meet the specific requirements of CVC Section 22358.4 and are eligible for the City to reduce its speed; and

WHEREAS, reducing speed limits encourages the use of alternative transportation modes such as public transit, biking, and walking. Safer and more inviting streets make non-motorized travel options more attractive, reducing traffic congestion and promoting a more sustainable urban lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, reducing speed limits can enhance safety by reducing the severity of accidents, as reduced speeds decrease the likelihood of collisions and can mitigate the impact force, thereby reducing injuries and fatalities on the roads; and

WHEREAS, lowering speed limits promotes a more pedestrian-friendly environment by creating safer conditions for walkers, joggers, and cyclists, as slower vehicle speeds increase reaction time and give vulnerable road users a better chance to avoid accidents; and

WHEREAS, reducing speed limits can improve air quality and reduce pollution levels in urban areas as lower speeds lead to smoother traffic flow, which can decrease vehicle emissions, contributing to a healthier environment and reducing the carbon footprint of the City; and

WHEREAS, lower speed limits can help mitigate noise pollution as slower-moving vehicles generate less noise, resulting in quieter neighborhoods and improved quality of life for residents living along busy streets; and

WHEREAS, Finds that the action being considered by the City Council is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301I (Existing Facilities) as the removal and replacement of signs and minor speed reduction are a minor alteration to the City's existing streets and do not create additional automobile lanes and Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) as the reduction in speed and new signs are a minor alteration to the existing streets and will not remove trees; and

WHEREAS, this action is also exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (Commonsense Exemption) as the reduction in speed will result in less greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles and may increase the amount of bicycle and pedestrian users.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Petaluma, as follows:

Section 1. Recital Findings. Declares the above recitals to be true and accurate and incorporated as findings herein of this Resolution.

Section 2. Exemptions from CEQA. Finds that the action being considered by the City Council is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301I (Existing Facilities) as the removal and replacement of signs and minor speed reduction are a minor alteration to the City's existing streets and do not create additional automobile lanes and Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) as the reduction in speed and new signs are a minor alteration to the existing streets and will not remove trees. This action is also exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (Commonsense Exemption) as the reduction in speed will result in less greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles and may increase the amount of bicycle and pedestrian users.

Section 3. CVC Section 22358.9 Findings. Finds pursuant to CVC Section 22358.9 that the portions of the streets proposed stated in **Exhibit A** have:
    1. A maximum of four traffic lanes.
    2. A maximum posted 30 miles per hour prima facie speed limit immediately prior to and after the business activity district, if establishing a 25 miles per hour speed limit.
    3. A maximum posted 25 miles per hour prima facie speed limit immediately prior to and after the business activity district, if establishing a 20 miles per hour speed limit.
    4. Met the definition of "Business Activity District" defined in CVC Section 22358.9.

Section 4. Reduction of Speed Limits in Proposed "Business District" Streets. Determines that the prima facie speed limit for the proposed portions of the street stated in **Exhibit A** is reduced by five mph.

Section 5. CVC Section 22358.4 Findings. Finds pursuant to CVC Section 22358.4 that the roads stated in Exhibit B are a maximum of two traffic lanes and have a maximum prima facie speed limit immediately prior to and after the school zone. And has determined the need to lower the prima facie speed limit has considered the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians including children, the residential density, and the road conditions.

Section 6. <u>Reduction of Speed Limits in Proposed School Zones.</u> Determines that the prima facie speed limit for the proposed portions of the street stated in **Exhibit B** is 15 mph for both directions of travel, when approaching, at a distance of less than 500 feet from, or passing, a school building or the grounds of a school building, contiguous to a highway and posted with a school warning sign that indicates a speed limit of 15 miles per hour, while children are going to or leaving the school, either during school hours or during the noon recess period. The prima facie limit shall also apply when approaching, at a distance of less than 500 feet from, or passing, school grounds that are not separated from the highway by a fence, gate, or other physical barrier while the grounds are in use by children and the highway is posted with a school warning sign that indicates a speed limit of 15 miles per hour.

Section 7. <u>Effective Date.</u> The reduction of speed limits stated in Sections 4 and 6 of this Ordinance shall not be effective until appropriate signs giving notice of the speed limit are erected upon the portions of the street stated in Exhibits A and B, and no sooner than thirty (30) days after the date of its adoption by the Petaluma City Council.

Section 8. <u>Severability</u>. If any part of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, unlawful, or otherwise invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining parts of this ordinance. The City Council of the City of Petaluma hereby declares that it would have passed and adopted this ordinance and each of its provisions irrespective of any part being held invalid.

Section 9. <u>Posting/Publishing of Notice.</u> The City Clerk is hereby directed to post and/or publish this ordinance or a synopsis of it for the period and in the manner required by the City Charter. The City Clerk is also hereby directed to file a Notice of Exemption concerning this ordinance with the Office of the Sonoma County Clerk in accordance with Section 15062 of the CEQA Guidelines.

INTRODUCED and ordered published and posted this 8th day of April 2024.

ADOPTED this DD day of Month YYYY by the following vote:

Ayes:
Noes:
Abstain:
Absent:

_____
Kevin McDonnell, Mayor

ATTEST: APPROVED AS TO FORM:

_____   _____
Caitlin Corley, City Clerk   Eric Danly, City Attorney

Exhibit A
List of Streets in the Business Activity District to Reduce Speed

Category	Street	Limits			Existing Speed Limit	Proposed Speed Limit
Commercial	Petaluma Boulevard	Lakeville St	to	Kent Street	25	25
Commercial	Petaluma Boulevard	Kent Street	to	D Street	25	20
Commercial	Petaluma Boulevard	D Street	to	F Street	25	20
Commercial	Kentucky Street	Washington Street	to	Western Street	25	20
Commercial	4th Street	Western Street	to	D Street	25	20
Commercial	Keller Street	Washington Street	to	A Street	25	20
Commercial	5th Street	A Street	to	C Street	25	20
Commercial	North Water Street	E. Washington Street	to	Oak Street	25	20
Commercial	1st Street	C Street	to	H Street	25	20
Commercial	2nd Street	C Street	to	H Street	25	20
Commercial	B Street	2nd Street	to	5th Street	25	20
Commercial	C Street	1st Street	to	5th Street	25	20
Commercial	D Street	1st Street -	to	5th Street	25	20
Commercial	Western Avenue	Petaluma Boulevard	to	Howard Street	25	20
Commercial	Liberty Street	Washington Street	to	6th Street	25	20
Commercial	Howard Street	Bodega Avenue	to	Bassett Street	25	20
Commercial	E Street	1st Street	to	Petaluma Boulevard	25	20
Commercial	F Street	1st Street	to	Petaluma Boulevard	25	20
Commercial	G Street	1st Street	to	Petaluma Boulevard	25	20
Commercial	H Street	1st Street	to	Petaluma Boulevard	25	20

List of Streets in School Zones to Reduce Speed

School	Street	Limits			Existing Speed Limit	Proposed School Speed
Casa Grande Highschool	Parent Way	Oneel Dr	to	Jullet Dr	25	20
Casa Grande Highschool	Jullet Drive	Leslie Way	to	Ely Blvd South	25	20
Casa Grande Highschool	San Marin Drive	Parent Way	to	Whitney Way	25	20
Casa Grande Highschool	Whitney Way	Oneal Dr	to	Leslie Way	25	20
Casa Grande Highschool	Leslie Way	Jullet Drive	to	Crinella Drive	25	20
Casa Grande Highschool	Crinella Drive	Elizabeth Drive	to	Casa Grande	25	20
Casa Grande Highschool	Bungalow Lane	Crinella Drive	to	Mark Drive	25	20
Casa Grande Highschool	Trellis Lane	Crinella Drive	to	350' SW of Crinella Drive	25	20
Casa Grande Highschool	Anna Way	Crinella Drive	to	350' SW of Crinella Drive	25	20
Casa Grande Highschool	Flippini Way	Crinella Drive	to	350' SW of Crinella Drive	25	20
Casa Grande Highschool	Henry Way	Crinella Drive	to	350' SW of Crinella Drive	25	20
Casa Grande Highschool	Sartori Drive	Casa Grande Road	to	Del Oro Circle	25	20
Casa Grande Highschool	Del Oro Circle	Sartori Drive	to	Del Rancho Way	25	20
Casa Grande Highschool	Del Sol Way	Del Oro Circle	to	Del Sol Court	25	20
Casa Grande Highschool	Del Rancho Way	Casa Grande Road	to	Del Rancho Way	25	20
Casa Grande Highschool	Village East Drive	Ely Blvd South	to	Wren Dr	25	20
Casa Grande Highschool	Wren Drive	Village East Drive	to	Pelicant Court	25	20
Casa Grande Highschool	Osprey Pl	-	to	-	25	20
Casa Grande Highschool	Wren Court	-	to	-	25	20
Casa Grande Highschool	Blue Heron Place	-	to	-	25	20
Lat Tercera Elementary School	Louis Drive	Caulfield Lane	to	Peggy Court	25	20
Lat Tercera Elementary School	Marguerite Way	Caulfield Lane	to	Albin Way	25	20
Lat Tercera Elementary School	Albin Way	Rancho Way	to	Crinella Drive	25	20
Lat Tercera Elementary School	St Louis Court	-	to	-	25	20
Lat Tercera Elementary School	Rancho Way	Albin Way	to	Peggy Lane	25	20
Lat Tercera Elementary School	Peggy Lane	Louise Drive	to	Bayood Drive	25	20
Lat Tercera Elementary School	Crinella Drive	Baywood Drive	to	Caulfield Lane	25	20
Lat Tercera Elementary School	Acapulco Court	-	to	-	25	20
Lat Tercera Elementary School	Tanager Lane	Robin Way	to	Crinella Drive	25	20
Lat Tercera Elementary School	Pheasant Drive	Crinella Drive	to	350' SW of Crinella Drive	25	20
Lat Tercera Elementary School	Grouse Lane	Pheasant Drive	to	Quail Drive	25	20
Lat Tercera Elementary School	Caulfield Lane	Crinella Drive	to	Louis Drive	25	20
McDowel Elementary School	McKenzie Avenue	South McDowell Blvd	to	Coronado Drive	25	20
McDowel Elementary School	McGregor Avenue	South McDowell Blvd	to	Coronado Drive	25	20
McDowel Elementary School	Cortez Drive	McKenzie Avenue	to	McGregor Avenue	25	20
McDowel Elementary School	McGregor Avenue	South McDowell Blvd	to	Park Lane	25	20
McDowel Elementary School	Alta Drive	Park Lane	to	Colwood Drive	25	20
McDowel Elementary School	Park Lane	Alta Drive	to	Maria Drive	25	20
McDowel Elementary School	Maria Drive	South McDowell Blvd	to	100' N of Park Lane	25	20
Loma Vista Immersion Academy Elemntary School	Maria Drive	Professional Drive	to	Lauren Drive	25	20
Loma Vista Immersion Academy Elemntary School	East Madison	350' S of Maria Drive	to	Rene Drive	25	20
Loma Vista Immersion Academy Elemntary School	Joan Drive	300' of Maria Drive	to	Maria Drive	25	20
Loma Vista Immersion Academy Elemntary School	Penrod Drive	East Madison	to	Joan Drive	25	20
Loma Vista Immersion Academy Elemntary School	Joan Drive	Penrod Drive	to	Rene Drive	25	20
Loma Vista Immersion Academy Elemntary School	Janet Street	East Madison	to	Moclips Drive	25	20
Loma Vista Immersion Academy Elemntary School	Tahola Lane	Monroe Street	to	Janet Street	25	20
Loma Vista Immersion Academy Elemntary School	Moclips Drive	Janet Street	to	150' NE of Janet Street	25	20
Loma Vista Immersion Academy Elemntary School	Chehalis Drive	Tahola Lane	to	300' NE of Tahola Lane	25	20
Loma Vista Immersion Academy Elemntary School	Wynoochee Way	Tahola Lane	to	300' NE of Tahola Lane	25	20
Loma Vista Immersion Academy Elemntary School	Monroe Street	Maria Drive	to	Creekview Circle	25	20
Sonoma Mountain Elementary School	Matzen Ranch Circle	Rainier Circle	to	900' NE of Selmart Lane	25	20
Sonoma Mountain Elementary School	Selmart Lane	Matzen Ranch Circle	to	500' SE of Matzen Ranch	25	20
Sonoma Mountain Elementary School	Rainier Circle	Sonoma Mountain Parkway	to	450' SE of Pembridge St	25	20
Sonoma Mountain Elementary School	Pembridge Street	Almanor Street	to	Rainier Circle	25	20
Sonoma Mountain Elementary School	Eagle Street	Rainier Circle	to	Pembridge Street	25	20
Sonoma Mountain Elementary School	Bristol Street	Tulare Street	to	Rainier Circle	25	20
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