NO CHANGE FROM FIRST READING

CITY OF WEST DES MOINES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNICATION

DATE: November 1, 2021

ITEM:

Ordinance – Approval of Second Reading, Waive Third Reading and Adoption of Traffic Code Amendments in final form.
Special Speed Zones and Penalty
Grand Avenue – 680 feet west of west I-35 Ramp to Western Terminus of Grand Avenue

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

BACKGROUND:

Approval of the Ordinance will assign a 40 mph speed limit to Grand Avenue from 680 feet west of the west ramp of I-35 ramp to the western end of Grand Avenue. The connection of Grand Avenue between Jordan Creek Parkway to South 88th Street as well as developments along Grand Avenue, such as the West Grand Business Park, MidAmerican Energy Company RecPlex, Des Moines University and DMACC has created increased traffic volumes for this three-lane section of the street. This amendment also will update the penalty section under Title 6 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic), Chapter 9 (Traffic Schedules), Section 14 (Penalty) to be consistent with the State of Iowa update to the schedule of fees.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council approve the second reading, waive the third reading and adopt the Ordinance in final form.

Lead Staff Member: Brian Hemesath, P.E.

STAFF REVIEWS

Department Director	Brian Hemesath
Appropriations/Finance	
Legal	
Agenda Acceptance	

PUBLICATION(S) (if applicable)			**SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW** (if applicable)			
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Dates(s) Published			Date Reviewed	October 25, 2021		
			Recommendation	Yes	No	Split

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF WEST DES MOINES, IOWA, 2019, BY AMENDING PROVISION PERTAINING TO THE TRAFFIC CODE RELATING TO OFFICIAL TRAFFIC CONTROLS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST DES MOINES, IOWA.

SECTION 1: AMENDMENT. TITLE 6 (MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC), CHAPTER 9 (TRAFFIC SCHEDULES), SECTION 10 (SPECIAL SPEED ZONES) is hereby amended by adding the bold italicized text and deleting the highlighted strikeout text:

No person shall drive a motor vehicle on the following designated streets or portions thereof, at a speed in excess of that specified herein. Special speed zones are established as follows:

All Granular Surfaced Roadways

On all granular surfaced roadways within the City limits at 35 miles per hour unless a special speed zone is established which requires a lower speed limit.

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Street	From	To	Speed
Grand Avenue	Vine Street	~~1,268 feet south of Park Drive~~ ***Scenic Valley Drive***	35 mph
Grand Avenue	~~1,268 feet south of Park Drive~~ ***Scenic Valley Drive***	~~Fiftieth (South) Street~~ ***680 feet west of west I-35 ramp***	45 mph
Grand Avenue	~~Fiftieth (South) Street~~ ***680 feet west of west I-35 ramp***	West***ern*** ~~corporate limits~~ ***terminus***	4~~5~~***0*** mph

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SECTION 2: AMENDMENT. TITLE 6 (MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC), CHAPTER 9 (TRAFFIC SCHEDULES), SECTION 14 (PENALTY): is hereby modified by adding the bold italicized text and deleting the highlighted strikeout text:

Unless otherwise provided herein ***or by the Code of Iowa***, any person who violates the provisions of this chapter, upon conviction, shall be punished not in excess of a one hundred dollar ($10~~0~~5.00) fine or in excess of thirty (30) days' imprisonment.

SECTION 3. REPEALER. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE. If any section, provision, sentence, clause, phrase or part of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or part hereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 5. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES. Any person who violates the provisions of this Ordinance, upon conviction, shall be punished with the applicable fine plus applicable surcharge and court costs.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, adoption, and publication as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____ 2021.

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Steven K. Gaer, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Ryan T. Jacobson, City Clerk

I certify that the foregoing was published as Ordinance No. _____ on the ____ day of _____, 2021.

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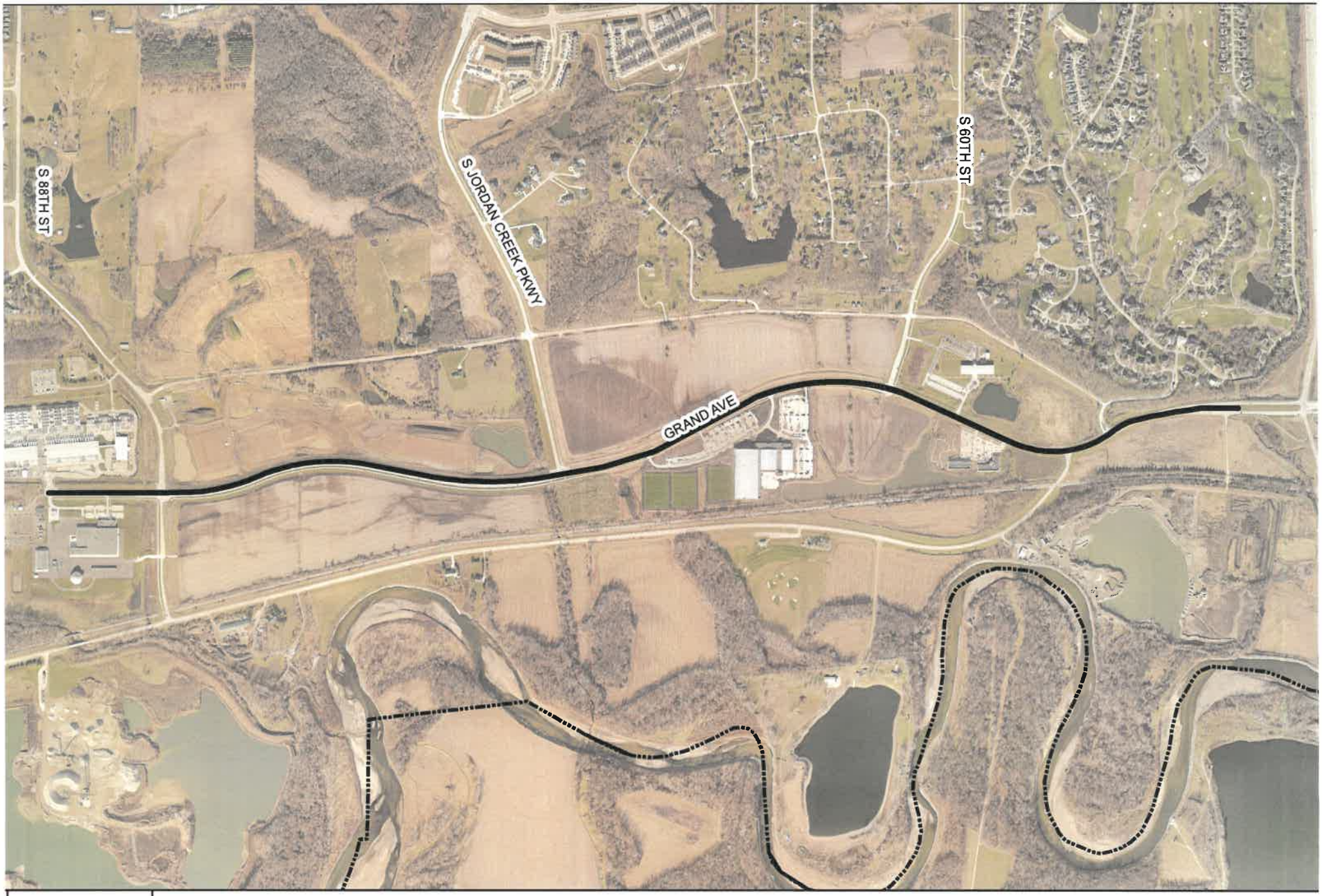
Ryan T. Jacobson, City Clerk



THE CITY OF WEST DES MOINES

Grand Ave Speed Zone Change

Speed Zone

Corporate Limit

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