CITY OF MERCED

Merced Civic Center 678 W. 18th Street Merced, CA 95340



Legislation Text

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SUBJECT: <u>Discussion on the Speed Zone Study and Request to Set a Public Hearing Regarding</u> the Speed Zone Ordinance

REPORT IN BRIEF

Requests the City Council to set a public hearing for August 20, 2018, to consider amending Merced Municipal Code Section 10.16.010- Speed Limits to implement recommendations made in the speed zone study.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council - Adopt a motion setting a public hearing for Monday, August 20, 2018 at 7:00 PM to consider amending the Speed Zone Ordinance.

ALTERNATIVES

- 1. Approve, as recommended by staff; or,
- 2. Approve, subject to modifications as conditioned by City Council; or,
- 3. Refer to staff for reconsideration of specific items; or,
- 4. Deny.

AUTHORITY

Charter of the City of Merced, Section 200.

CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

As provided for in the FY 2016-17 General Fund appropriation.

DISCUSSION

The City of Merced conducted its last speed zone study in 2011 and adopted Ordinance No. 2370 that became effective June 15, 2011. The existing speed zone study has expired and currently the City speed limits are unenforceable by radar without an updated engineering and traffic speed study. For this reason, Staff recommends Council set a public hearing to consider amending Merced Municipal Code Section 10.16.010 to reflect the 2018 Speed Zone Study.

History and Past Actions

On January 17, 2017, City Council approved a general fund appropriation in the amount of \$100,000 to conduct a speed zone study.

In April 2017, the City of Merced contracted with Omni-Means, LTD to conduct the speed zone study. The study is now complete and must be adopted by ordinance at a future City Council meeting.

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IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES

None at this time.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Speed Limits