OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO.	C.M.S.
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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING OAKLAND MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 10.20 (SPEED LIMITS) AND ADOPTING APPROPRIATE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT FINDINGS TO ESTABLISH 20 MILE PER HOUR (MPH) AND 25 MPH SPEED LIMITS IN BUSINESS ACTIVITY DISTRICTS AS DEFINED IN ASSEMBLY BILL 43

WHEREAS, in accordance with California Vehicle Code (CVC) sections 22352 and 22358, local authorities shall establish speed limits on local streets based on prevailing traffic speeds—specifically, within 5 mph of the 85th percentile or "critical speed"—as determined by an Engineering & Traffic Survey (E&TS) prescribed in the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices with limited exceptions given to streets in specific land use settings; and

WHEREAS, the exceptions included de facto speed limits of 25 miles per hour (mph), prevailing speeds notwithstanding, for streets in business and residence districts, adjacent to school grounds and senior facilities, and 15 mph for alleys and at uncontrolled railroad crossings; and

WHEREAS, local officials have pursued legislation in the past to increase their authority over the establishment of local speed limits; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 43 (AB 43), which was signed into law in October 2021 and put into effect in January 2022, expanded speed limit establishment rules to include, among other amendments, additional conditions where surrounding land use and roadside activity may justify a lower speed limit not predicated on E&TS results; and

WHEREAS, CVC Section 22358.9, an AB 43 amendment to the Vehicle Code, introduces a new land use designation—Business Activity District—that qualifies for speed limit reduction; and

WHEREAS, within a Business Activity District, speed limits may be established by local authorities at 20 or 25 mph, prevailing speeds notwithstanding, on street segments with four or fewer travel lanes with speed limits on contiguous segments no more than 5 mph higher; and

WHEREAS, a Business Activity District is defined as that portion of a street and the property contiguous thereto that includes central or neighborhood downtowns, urban villages, or zoning designations that prioritize commercial land uses at the downtown or neighborhood scale and meets at least three of the following four requirements, inclusive:

- a) no less than 50 percent of the contiguous property fronting the highway consists of retail or dining commercial uses, including outdoor dining, that open directly onto sidewalks adjacent to the highway
- b) parking spaces located alongside the highway (including parallel, diagonal, or perpendicular spaces)
- c) traffic signals or stop signs located at least every 600 feet
- d) marked crosswalks not controlled by a traffic control device; and

WHEREAS, Oakland Department of Transportation (OakDOT) staff analyzed citywide land use and street conditions data and identified street segments, listed in Exhibit A, that meet the Business Activity District definition for speed limit reduction; and

WHEREAS, amending the Oakland Municipal Code to identify Business Activity Districts and establish reduced speed limits in those districts are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15183 (Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan, or Zoning), 15301(c) (Existing Highways and Streets, Sidewalks, Gutters, Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails, and Similar Facilities), and/or 15061(b)(3) (No Significant Effect on the Environment); each of the above exemptions provides a separate and independent basis for CEQA compliance.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 10.20 (Speed Limits) of the Oakland Municipal Code is herein amended, with additions underscored and deletions stricken through.

10.20.015 - Prima facie speed limit of twenty (20) miles per hour:

The prima facie speed limit on the following streets shall be twenty (20) miles per hour:

Street Name	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
23 rd Avenue	Foothill Boulevard	International Boulevard
7 th Street	Clay Street	Harrison Street
8 th Street	Clay Street	Alice Street
9 th Street	Clay Street	Harrison Street
10 th Street	Webster Street	Madison Street
11 th Street	<u>Broadway</u>	Harrison Street
12 th Street	<u>Broadway</u>	Alice Street
13 th Street	<u>Broadway</u>	Alice Street

14th StreetBroadwayOak Street17th StreetTelegraph AvenueHarrison Street19th StreetTelegraph AvenueHarrison StreetEast 12th Street33rd Avenue35th AvenueAntioch CourtMountain BoulevardAntioch Street

<u>Antioch Street</u> <u>Lucas Avenue</u> <u>Mountain Boulevard</u>

Broadway27th StreetWater StreetChampion StreetMacArthur BoulevardLincoln AvenueClay Street7th StreetSan Pablo Avenue

College AvenueAlcatraz AvenueBroadwayEast 18th StreetAthol Avenue4th AvenueFoothill BoulevardRutherford StreetHigh StreetFoothill BoulevardCongress AvenueCole StreetFranklin Street7th Street22nd Street

Fruitvale Avenue Coloma Street School Street (S) Fruitvale Avenue Lynde Street **Blossom Street** East 10th Street East 15th Street Fruitvale Avenue East 19th Street East 22nd Street Fruitvale Avenue Grand Avenue Broadway Perkins Street Grand Avenue Lake Park Avenue Jean Street

Havenscourt Boulevard Bancroft Avenue Foothill Boulevard Lake Park Avenue Grand Avenue Lakeshore Avenue Lakeshore Avenue Mandana Boulevard Lake Park Avenue La Salle Avenue Lucas Avenue Moraga Avenue Leimert Boulevard Clemens Road Oakmore Road Excelsior Avenue Lincoln Avenue MacArthur Boulevard

MacArthur Boulevard Midvale Avenue High Street

Medau PlaceMoraga AvenueEndMountain BoulevardColton BoulevardMoraga

Mountain BoulevardColton BoulevardMoraga AvenuePiedmont AvenueRamona AvenueWest MacArthur Boulevard

San Pablo Avenue William Street South of 16th Street (End)

Telegraph AvenueClaremont AvenueBroadwayValdez Street26th StreetGrand AvenueWashington Street7th Street10th StreetWebster Street7th StreetWebster StreetWest Grand AvenueBroadwayTelegraph Avenue

0.20.020 - Prima facie speed limit of twenty-five (25) miles per hour.

The prima facie speed limit on the following streets shall be twenty-five (25) miles per hour:

Street Name	From	То
73rd Avenue	San Leandro Street	East 14th Street
82nd Avenue	East 14th Street	MacArthur Boulevard
104th Avenue	East 14th Street	Link Street
7 th Street	Wood Street	Union Street
40 th Street	Webster Street	Opal Street
East 12 Street	4 th Avenue	14 th Avenue
East 18th Street	Lakeshore Avenue	4 th Avenue
Bancroft Avenue	Avenal Avenue	Seminary Avenue
Bancroft Avenue	66 th Avenue	67 th Avenue
<u>Broadway</u>	27 th Street	College Avenue
Claremont Avenue	A point 500 feet northerly of Gelston Street	Contra Costa County Line
Claremont Avenue	Berkeley City Line at Tanglewood Road	A point 1,200 feet northerly therefrom
Foothill Boulevard	57 th Avenue	68 th Avenue
Fruitvale Avenue	Farnum Street East 15th Street	Pleasant Street East 19th Street
Fruitvale Avenue	East 15 th Street	East 19 th Street
Fruitvale Avenue	East 22 nd Street	Blossom Street
Fruitvale Avenue	Lynde Street	School Street (S)
Golf Links Road	98 th Avenue	A point 800 feet northerly of Burgos Avenue
Grand Avenue	Perkins Street	Lake Park Avenue
Grass Valley Road	Skyline Boulevard	Golf Links Road
Lakeshore Avenue	East 12 th Street	Mandana Boulevard Lake Park Avenue
Lakeshore Avenue	Winsor Avenue	Wala Vista Avenue
Lakeside Drive	14 th Street	Harrison Street
Lincoln Avenue	Champion Street	Mountain Boulevard
MacArthur Boulevard	Seminary Avenue	61st Avenue

MacArthur Boulevard	73 rd Avenue	77 th Avenue
MacArthur Boulevard	89th Avenue	90 th Avenue
MacArthur Boulevard	Talbot Avenue	Durant Avenue
Mountain Boulevard	College of Holy Names	Calaveras Avenue
Park Boulevard	4 th Avenue	Excelsior Avenue
Park Boulevard	Glenfield Avenue	Wellington Street
San Pablo Avenue	24 th Street	32 nd Street
Shepherd Canyon Road	Moore Drive	Skyline Boulevard
Shepherd Canyon Road	Snake Road	A point 1,700 feet north of Snake Road
Skyline Boulevard	Grass Valley Road	A point 500 feet west of Grass Valley road
Skyline Boulevard	Grizzly Peak Road	A point 3,700 feet east of Castle Drive
Telegraph Avenue	Woolsey Street	Claremont Avenue

(Ord. 11698 § 1, 1994; prior traffic code § 114)

10.20.030 – Prima facie speed limit of thirty (30) miles per hour.

The prima facie speed limit on the following streets shall be thirty (30) miles per hour:

Street Name	From	To
19 th Avenue	Foothill Boulevard	14 th Avenue
23 rd Avenue	Foothill Boulevard	Ardley Avenue
23 rd Avenue	Ford Street	East 12 th Street
29 th Avenue	Ford Street	East 12 th Street
35 th Avenue	East 14 th Street	Redwood Road
38 th Avenue	East 14 th Street	Brookdale Avenue
42 nd Avenue	East 14 th Street	Foothill Boulevard
55 th Avenue	East 14 th Street	MacArthur Boulevard
66 th Avenue	Coliseum Way	East 14 th Street
73 rd Avenue	East 14 th Street	MacArthur Boulevard
90 th Avenue	East 14 th Street	MacArthur Boulevard
98 th Avenue	East 14 th Street	MacArthur Boulevard

98th Avenue Nimitz Freeway E Street (south leg)

104th AvenueEast 14th StreetLink Street105th AvenueEdes AvenueEast 14th Street

7th Street Bay Street Grove Street Wood Street

7th Street Union Street MLK Jr Way Cypress Street Grove Street 8th Street 11th Street **Madison Street** 12th Street 12th Street Oak Street Lake Merritt 14th Street 12th Street Oak Street 14th Street Peralta Street Grove Street 27th Street San Pablo Avenue Harrison Street 31st Street Broadway Telegraph Avenue

40th Street Emeryville City Line Howe Street Webster Street

40th Street Opal Street Howe Street

51st Street Broadway Telegraph Avenue
55th Street Telegraph Avenue Adeline Street
East 8th Street Fallon 5th Avenue
East 10th Street 5th Avenue East 8th Street

East 12th Street Lake Merritt Channel 14th Avenue 4th Avenue

East 14th Street 1st Avenue 26th Avenue
East 15th Street 1st Avenue 14th Avenue
East 18th Street Park Boulevard 4th Avenue 14th Avenue
East 21st Street 14th Avenue 23rd Avenue

Alcatraz Avenue Berkeley City Line Berkeley City Line
Adeline Street Emeryville City Line Berkely City Line
Adeline Street 3rd Street Emery City Line

Adeline Street Overpass Middle Harbor Road 3rd Street

Ardley Avenue 23rd Avenue MacArthur Boulevard

Bancroft Avenue High Street 73rd Avenue Avenue Avenue Avenue

Bancroft AvenueSeminary Avenue66th AvenueBancroft Avenue67th Avenue73rd Avenue

Bond Street High Street Bancroft Avenue

<u>Avenue</u>

Broadway27th-StreetMacArthur BoulevardBroadway TerraceBelgrave PlaceHermosa Avenue

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5th Street **Brush Street** San Pablo Avenue Camden Street Seminary Avenue Foothill Boulevard Keller Avenue Redwood Road Campus Drive 5th Street Castro Street San Pablo Avenue

A point 1200 feet northerly of the A point 500 feet northerly of Claremont Avenue

Berkeley City Line Gelston Street

Claremont Avenue Telegraph Avenue Berkeley City Line Clarewood Drive **Broadway Terrace** Harbord Drive 66th Avenue Coliseum Way **High Street**

MacArthur Boulevard Coolidge Avenue Foothill Boulevard

98th Avenue Edes Avenue Hegenberger Road Kennedy Street Embarcadero Road Oak Street Fontaine Street Golf Links Road Keller Avenue 23rd Avenue 1st Avenue Foothill Boulevard

MacArthur Boulevard Foothill Boulevard High Street Congress Avenue

57th Street Foothill Boulevard Cole Street

68th Street Foothill Boulevard MacArthur Boulevard Foothill Boulevard MacArthur Boulevard San Leandro City Limit

98th Avenue Golf Links Road Cosgrove Avenue El Embarcadero **Grand Avenue Harrison Street** Grizzly Peak Boulevard Skyline Boulevard Berkeley City Line **Grove Street** San Pablo Avenue Berkeley City Line

Grove-Shafter Freeway on and

27th Street West Grand Avenue off ramp extension

Harbord Drive Clarewood Drive Moraga Avenue **Harrison Street** 20th Street Bayo Vista Avenue Havenscourt Boulevard East 14th Street Bancroft Avenue Foothill Boulevard High Street Tompkins Avenue

Kennedy Street **Dennison Street** 23rd Avenue Lakeshore Avenue Mandana Boulevard Winsor Avenue MacArthur Boulevard Fairmount Avenue **Orange Street** MacArthur Boulevard Fairmount Avenue Sheffield Avenue

San Leandro City Line MacArthur Boulevard High Street Seminary Avenue

73rd Avenue 61st Avenue MacArthur Boulevard

77th Avenue Talbot Avenue 89th Avenue MacArthur Boulevard

MacArthur Boulevard 90th Avenue Talbot Avenue

MacArthur Way	High Street	MacArthur Boulevard
Mandana Boulevard	Lakeshore Avenue	Portal Avenue
Market Street	8th Street	Berkeley City Line
Moraga Avenue	Piedmont City Line	Mountain Boulevard
Mountain Boulevard	Moraga Avenue	Jacquin Miller Road
Oakland Street	Harrison Street	Piedmont City Line
Park Boulevard	Excelsior Avenue	Everett Avenue Glenfield Avenue
Park Boulevard	Wellington Street	Everett Avenue
Peralta Street	7th Street	Emeryville City Line
Pleasant Valley Road	Broadway	Piedmont City Line
Redwood Road	35th Avenue	Mountain Boulevard
San Leandro Street	Fruitvale Avenue	Seminary Avenue
San Pablo Avenue	Emeryville City Line	Berkeley City Line
San Pablo Avenue	West Grand Avenue 32 nd Street	Emeryville City Line 35 th Street
San Pablo Avenue	24 th Street	West Grand Avenue
Seminary Avenue	San Leandro Street	MacArthur Boulevard
Skyline Boulevard	Grizzly Peak Road	Joaquin Miller Road
Skyline Boulevard	Joaquin Miller Road	A point 3,700 feet east of

Castle Drive Stanford Avenue San Pablo Avenue City line

Stanley Avenue Foothill Boulevard 98th Avenue

Telegraph Avenue 52nd Street Woolsey Street Berkeley City Line West Grand Avenue Cypress Street Telegraph Avenue West MacArthur Boulevard Grove Street Fairmount Avenue

West Street San Pablo Avenue Grove Street

(Ord. 11698 §§ 2, 3, 1994; prior traffic code § 114.2)

SECTION 2. California Environmental Quality Act. This action is exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15183 (Projects Consistent with a Community Plan, General Plan, or Zoning), 15301(c) (Existing Highways and Streets, Sidewalks, Gutters, Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails, and Similar Facilities), and/or 15061(b)(3) (No Significant Effect on the Environment). The City Administrator or designee is authorized to file a Notice of Exemption with the Alameda County Clerk's Office and appropriate agencies.

SECTION 3. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Chapter. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each section, subsection, clause or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that one or more other sections, subsections, clauses or phrases may be declared invalid or unconstitutional

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective immediately on final adoption if it receives six or more affirmative votes; otherwise it shall become effective upon the seventh day after final adoption. The adopted changes in speed limits shall become enforceable when appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected upon said street or highway.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,
PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
AYES – FIFE, GALLO, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS
NOES –
ABSENT –
ABSTENTION –
ATTEST:
ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California
Date of Attestation:

NOTICE AND DIGEST

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