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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING DESIGNATED SPEEDS FOR NW OCEANVIEW DRIVE

The Newport City Council will conduct a public hearing at 6:00 pm, or soon thereafter, on Monday, June 17, 2024 to consider Ordinance No. 2223, which would reduce the maximum speed limits on portions of NW Oceanview Drive.

NW Oceanview Drive experiences higher traffic volumes and more through traffic than surrounding streets and, as a whole, is largely unimproved from a multi-modal perspective with narrow and winding sections, and cross street intersections with sight distance limitations. Over the years the City has received numerous complaints about traffic driving at excessive speeds, and its police and fire department personnel have responded to traffic accidents that resulted in injuries and property damage.

The City retained the services of a transportation engineering and planning consulting firm to conduct a traffic operation and safety assessment along the NW Oceanview Drive, and has identified several steps it can take to improve traffic safety. One such step is to change the posted maximum speed limit as follows:

- Reduce the maximum speed limit along NW Oceanview Drive from 25 to 20 mph between NW Spring Street and NW 19th Court.
- Retain the existing 25 mph maximum speed limit along NW Oceanview Drive between NW 19th Court and NW Edenvue Way.
- Reduce the posted speed limit along NW Oceanview Drive from 35 mph to 30 mph between NW Edenvue Way and US 101.

State law allows cities to establish, by ordinance, a designated speed for a roadway under its jurisdiction that is up to 10 mph lower than the statutory speed, provided the roadway is located in a residential district and is not an arterial highway. These conditions exist along NW Oceanview Drive. Reducing the speed limits should, in and of itself, improve public safety along NW Oceanview Drive and is an initial step that will complement the installation of other planned safety measures such as pre-fabricated speed humps, advance pedestrian crossing signage, and vegetation clearing at intersections to improve line-of-sight visibility.

Interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing to share their views with the City Council. Written testimony may be mailed to Newport City Hall, Attn: Erik Glover, 169 SW Coast Highway, Newport, Oregon 97365, or emailed to publiccomment@newportoregon.gov. Written comments must be received by 2:00 P.M. on the date of the hearing, or they may be submitted at the hearing.