

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024 -**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS ON PORTIONS OF SWEETWATER ROAD BASED ON ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC SURVEYS AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO POST SPEED LIMIT SIGNS CONSISTENT WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC SURVEYS.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 22357 of the State of California Vehicle Code (CVC) permits local authorities to establish speed limits greater than the prima facie speed limit of 25 miles per hour (mph) when, on the basis of an engineering and traffic survey (E&TS), the local authority determines that a speed greater than 25 mph would facilitate the orderly movement of vehicular traffic and would be reasonable and safe; and

**WHEREAS**, State Assembly Bills (AB) 43 and 1938, which went into effect on January 1, 2022 and January 1, 2023, respectively, provide local agencies greater flexibility in setting and reducing speed limits; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 627 of the CVC and Section 2B.13 of the California Department of Transportation Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA-MUTCD) outline the criteria to be considered as part of conducting an E&TS, including that an E&TS be completed and certified by a registered professional Civil or Traffic Engineer at least once every 5, 7 or 14 years, in compliance with CVC Section 40802, to re-evaluate non-statutory speed limits on local roadways and allow for enforcement using radar, laser or other electronic devices; and

**WHEREAS**, an E&TS for 105 individual roadway segments was completed in accordance with the procedures established by Section 2B.13 of the CA-MUTCD and consistent with all applicable provisions of the CVC, and formal presentations were made to the Traffic Safety Committee on April 12, 2023 (preliminary findings) and August 16, 2023 (final recommendations), where the Traffic Safety Committee ultimately voted unanimously in support of the recommendations of the E&TS at their meeting on August 16, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 5, 2023, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2023-2025 establishing speed limits for all 105 individual roadway segments based on the E&TS; and

**WHEREAS**, subsequently, based on recent traffic collisions and requests received from the public regarding speeding on Sweetwater Road east of I-805, the traffic data from the ET&S was re-evaluated to determine if reductions to the posted speed limits are warranted; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the re-evaluated data, a professional traffic engineer licensed in the State of California, in accordance with the procedures established by Section 2B.13 of the CA-MUTCD and consistent with all applicable provisions of the CVC, recommends decreasing the posted speed limits from 45 mph to 40 mph on the following roadway segments:

1. Sweetwater Road between I-805 / Euclid Avenue and Valley Road
2. Sweetwater Road between Valley Road and Plaza Bonita Road; and

**WHEREAS**, staff recommends the City Council authorize establishing speed limits on the subject segments of Sweetwater Road east of I-805 based on the re-evaluated portion of the

E&TS and authorize the Director of Public Works to post speed limit signs consistent with the recommendations of the re-evaluated portion of the E&TS.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY, CALIFORNIA, HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1:** That, pursuant to authority under the California Vehicle Code including, but not limited to, sections 22357 and 40802, and on the basis of engineering and traffic surveys conducted and certified in accordance with applicable State law and regulations, the City Council hereby establishes the following recommended speed limits as reasonable and safe to facilitate the orderly movement of vehicular traffic on the portions of roadways within the City of National City, as summarized below, and authorizes the Director of Public Works to post speed limit signs consistent with the recommendations of the Engineering and Traffic Surveys:

Forty miles per hour is declared and established as the prima facie speed limit on the following streets:

1. Sweetwater Road from I-805/Euclid Avenue to Valley Road
2. Sweetwater Road from Valley Road to Plaza Bonita Road

**Section 2:** This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from the date of its passage, and before the expiration of fifteen (15) days after its passage, it or a summary of it, shall be published once, with the names of the members of the City Council voting for and against the same in the Star News, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of San Diego, California.

**Section 3:** The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and shall public in accordance with the law.

**INTRODUCED** at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of National City, California, held on this 19th day of November, 2024.

**PASSED and ADOPTED this 3rd day of December, 2024.**

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Ron Morrison, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Shelley Chapel, MMC, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Barry J. Schultz, City Attorney