

**ORDINANCE NO. 2224**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ENGINEERING & TRAFFIC SURVEYS PREPARED BY HARTZOG & CRABILL, INC. FOR THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE AND AMENDING CHAPTER 10.16 OF THE HAWTHORNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS ON VARIOUS STREETS WITHIN THE CITY.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hawthorne retained Hartzog and Crabill, Inc. to prepare an engineering and traffic survey (the "report") to update the speed limits on City of Hawthorne arterial and secondary arterial street network. (The report is attached as Exhibit "A" to this Ordinance). The overall study was conducted to comply with existing State regulations concerning the increasing or decreasing of speed limits within City boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Vehicle Code ("VC") requires that speed limits be established in accordance with appropriate engineering practice and methods; and

**WHEREAS**, to legally use radar for speed enforcement, VC Section 40802(b) requires that limits be established per Sections 22357 and 22358 of the VC, the limits must be justified by an engineering and traffic survey conducted within five years prior to the date of the alleged violation. However, a change in State law allows cities to extend the survey period up to seven or ten years depending on specific criteria.

**WHEREAS**, at 43 locations in the City's arterial and secondary arterial street network, spot speed surveys were taken in conformance with the State law for conducting engineering and traffic surveys for the purpose of establishing prima facie speed limits. The data was collected per the latest version of the Caltrans Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices ("MUTCD") California Supplement; and

**WHEREAS**, the actual speed zone surveys were conducted by National Data & Surveying Services, a subcontractor of Hartzog & Crabill, Inc. A California registered traffic engineer from Hartzog & Crabill, Inc. drove the streets.

**WHEREAS**, on the basis of those surveys, staff has determined that the adoption of the following recommended speed limits and the amendment of Chapter 10.16 of the Hawthorne Municipal Code are reasonable and safe and will facilitate the orderly movement of vehicular traffic.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The Report contains sufficient information to document that the condition of VC Section 627 have been satisfied and that other conditions not readily apparent to a motorist are properly identified.

**Section 2.** Ordinance No. 2224 and the Report, attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit A (including the “Summary of Recommendations 2021” table, which delineates the new speed limits of the various streets within the City of Hawthorne) is hereby approved and adopted.

**Section 3.** Chapter 10.16 of the Hawthorne Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

**10.16.010 Forty miles per hour.**

A prima facie speed limit of forty miles per hour is hereby declared to be most appropriate to facilitate the orderly movement of traffic and to be reasonable and safe upon the following streets and portions of streets in the City of Hawthorne.

- (1) El Segundo Boulevard, from Aviation to 405 Freeway;
- (2) El Segundo Boulevard, from Inglewood Avenue to Hawthorne Boulevard;
- (3) El Segundo Boulevard, from Hawthorne Boulevard to Prairie Avenue;
- (4) El Segundo Boulevard, from Prairie Avenue to Yukon Avenue;
- (5) El Segundo Boulevard, from Yukon Avenue to Crenshaw Boulevard;
- (6) El Segundo Boulevard, from Crenshaw Boulevard to Van Ness Avenue;
- (7) Rosecrans Avenue, from Aviation Boulevard to Hindry Avenue;
- (8) Rosecrans Avenue, from 405 Freeway to Inglewood Avenue;
- (9) Rosecrans Avenue, from Prairie Avenue to Yukon Avenue;
- (10) Rosecrans Avenue, from Yukon Avenue to Crenshaw Boulevard;
- (11) Marine Avenue, from Aviation Boulevard to 405 Freeway;
- (12) Jack Northrop Avenue, from Prairie Avenue to Crenshaw Boulevard;
- (13) Aviation Boulevard, from Marine Avenue to Rosecrans Avenue;
- (14) Aviation Boulevard, from Rosecrans Avenue to 13200 Aviation Boulevard;
- (15) Prairie Avenue, from Imperial Highway to 120<sup>th</sup> Street;
- (16) Prairie Avenue, from 120<sup>th</sup> Street to El Segundo Boulevard;
- (17) Prairie Avenue, from El Segundo Boulevard to 135<sup>th</sup> Street;
- (18) Prairie Avenue, from 135<sup>th</sup> Street to Rosecrans Avenue;
- (19) Prairie Avenue, from Rosecrans Avenue to Marine Avenue;
- (20) Crenshaw Boulevard, from 120<sup>th</sup> Street to El Segundo Boulevard;
- (21) Crenshaw Boulevard, from El Segundo Boulevard to 132<sup>nd</sup> Street.

**10.16.020 Thirty-five miles per hour.**

A prima facie speed limit of thirty-five miles per hour is hereby declared to be most appropriate to facilitate the orderly movement of traffic and to be reasonable and safe upon the following streets and portions of streets in the City of Hawthorne.

- (1) Inglewood Avenue, from Imperial Highway to 120<sup>th</sup> Street;
- (2) Inglewood Avenue, from 120<sup>th</sup> Street to El Segundo Boulevard;
- (3) Inglewood Avenue, from El Segundo Boulevard to 135<sup>th</sup> Street;
- (4) Inglewood Avenue, from 135<sup>th</sup> Street to Rosecrans Avenue;
- (5) Hawthorne Boulevard, from Imperial Highway to 120<sup>th</sup> Street;
- (6) Hawthorne Boulevard, from 120<sup>th</sup> Street to El Segundo Boulevard;

- (7) Hawthorne Boulevard, from El Segundo Boulevard to 135<sup>th</sup> Street;
- (8) Hawthorne Boulevard, from 135<sup>th</sup> Street to Rosecrans Avenue;
- (9) Birch Avenue, from 120<sup>th</sup> Street to El Segundo Boulevard;
- (10) Van Ness Avenue, from Imperial Highway to 120<sup>th</sup> Street;
- (11) Van Ness Avenue, from 120<sup>th</sup> Street to El Segundo Boulevard;
- (12) Imperial Highway, from Inglewood Avenue to Hawthorne Boulevard;
- (13) Imperial Highway, from Hawthorne Boulevard to Prairie Avenue;
- (14) 120<sup>th</sup> Street, from Felton Avenue to Inglewood Avenue;
- (15) 120<sup>th</sup> Street, from Inglewood Avenue to Hawthorne Boulevard;
- (16) 120<sup>th</sup> Street, from Hawthorne Boulevard to Prairie Avenue;
- (17) 120<sup>th</sup> Street, from Prairie Avenue to Crenshaw Boulevard;
- (18) 120<sup>th</sup> Street, from Crenshaw Boulevard to Van Ness Avenue;
- (19) Marine Avenue, from Prairie Avenue to Yukon Avenue.

**10.16.030 Thirty miles per hour.**

A prima facie speed limit of thirty miles per hour is hereby declared to be most appropriate to facilitate the orderly movement of traffic and to be reasonable and safe upon the following streets and portions of streets in the City of Hawthorne.

- (1) 135<sup>th</sup> Street, from Aviation Boulevard to Isis Avenue;
- (2) 135<sup>th</sup> Street, from Isis Avenue to Glasgow Place;
- (3) 147<sup>th</sup> Street, from Inglewood Avenue to Ocean Gate Avenue.

**10.16.040 When effective.**

The prima facie speed limits provided for in Chapter 10.16.010 through 10.16.030 above shall be effective when appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected upon those streets.

**Section 4.** This ordinance amendment will not have an adverse effect, either individually or cumulatively, on wildlife or the habitat upon which wildlife depends, and on the basis of substantial evidence, the presumption of adverse effect is rebutted. The ordinance amendments set forth in Section 3 are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

**Section 5.** If any provision, clause, sentence or paragraph of this ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

**Section 6.** The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this ordinance and shall cause the same to be published once in a newspaper of general circulation, published and circulated in the City of Hawthorne, or if there is none, shall cause it to be posted in at least three public places in the City of Hawthorne, California. The City Clerk shall also forward an executed copy of this ordinance to Quality Code Publishing @ 2100 Westlake Avenue North, Suite 106, Seattle, Washington 98109 or [www.qcode.us](http://www.qcode.us).

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.



ALEX VARGAS

Mayor

City of Hawthorne, California

ATTEST:



DR. PAUL JIMENEZ

City Clerk

City of Hawthorne, California

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



ROBERT KIM

Interim City Attorney

City of Hawthorne, California

**ORDINANCE CERTIFICATION PAGE**

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**        )

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**   )       **SS**

**CITY OF HAWTHORNE**        )

I, Paul Jimenez, City Clerk of the City of Hawthorne, California, hereby certify that the whole number of Members of the City Council of said City is five; that Ordinance No. 2224 was adopted by the City Council at their Regular Meeting held on September 28, 2021 by the following vote:

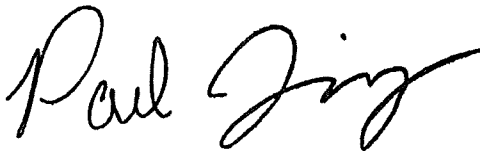
Ayes:            Council Members:   Monteiro, Patterson, Reyes English, Valentine, and Mayor Vargas

Noes:            Council Members:

Absent:          Council Members:

Abstain:         Council Members:

Witness my hand and the seal of said City on September 30, 2021.



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Dr. Paul Jimenez, City Clerk  
City of Hawthorne, California