SUBJECT: AMENDMENT OF THE CITY CODE - CHANGES TO THE SPECIAL SPEED ZONES (WESTWOOD STREET AND NORTH GRAND AVENUE)

SOURCE: Public Works Department - Engineering Division

COMMENT: The speed limits on Westwood Street in the City’s limits are currently set for 35 mph, except for a small section of less than a half mile from Westfield Avenue north to the City limits that is 40 mph. Westfield Avenue is a school pedestrian crossing for two schools located near the Porter Creek and North Creek subdivisions. Staff believes that having the speed limit at 35 mph along the entire length of Westwood Street is more consistent and safer for pedestrians.

Over time, several sections of North Grand Avenue have been annexed into the City limits of Porterville, however, Article XV of the Traffic Ordinance was never updated. In order to establish continuity and promote traffic safety, Staff recommends that North Grand Avenue from the West City Limits to Main Street be established as a 35 mph speed zone.

Therefore, Staff recommends that Article XV, Special Speed Zones, Section 17-15, Prima Facie Speed Limits Determined on Certain Streets be amended to add the following:

NORTH GRAND AVENUE

West City Limits to Main Street 35 mph

WESTWOOD STREET

Tule River to North City Limits 35 mph

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council:

1. Approve the proposed Ordinance amendment;

2. Give first reading to the Ordinance amending Chapter 17, Article XV, Section 17-15, Prima Facie Speed Limits Determined on Certain Streets, in the City Code; and

3. Direct the City Engineer to make the appropriate changes in the posted signs when the ordinance becomes effective.

ATTACHMENTS: Ordinance

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ORDINANCE NO. ______

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTERVILLE AMENDING CHAPTER 17, ARTICLE XV, SECTION 17-15, PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS DETERMINED ON CERTAIN STREETS, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PORTERVILLE

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTERVILLE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

A. That Section 17-15, Prima Facie Speed Limits Determined on Certain Streets, of the Code of the City of Porterville is hereby amended as follows:

  NORTH GRAND AVENUE
  West City Limits to Main Street  35 mph

  WESTWOOD STREET
  Tule River to North City Limits  35 mph

B. This ordinance and code amendment shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days from and after its publication and passage.

Richard Stadtherr, Mayor

ATTEST:

John Longley, City Clerk

By: Georgia Hawley, Deputy