

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 2045

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN RAFAEL
REGARDING SPEED LIMIT CHANGE ON 24 SAN RAFAEL ROADWAY SEGMENTS
PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 22357 AND 22358 OF THE CALIFORNIA VEHICLE
CODE.**

This Summary concerns a proposed ordinance of the City Council of the City of San Rafael, designated as Ordinance No. 2045, which will amend the prima facie speed limits on twenty-four roadway segments in San Rafael. Ordinance No. 2045 is scheduled for adoption by the San Rafael City Council at its regular meeting of March 3, 2025. The City Clerk has been directed to publish this Summary pursuant to City Charter and California Government Code section 36933(c)(1).

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT TO MUNICIPAL CODE

The Ordinance will amend the prima facie speed limits from 35 miles per hour (mph) to 30 mph on five roadway segments. The Ordinance will amend the prima facie speed limits from 30 mph to 25 mph on three roadway segments. The Ordinance will amend the prima facie speed limits from 25 mph to 20 mph on 16 roadway segments. Pursuant to Section 22357 of the California Vehicle Code, the City of San Rafael may determine that a speed limit greater than 25 miles per hour (mph) on certain streets would facilitate the orderly movement of vehicular traffic and would be reasonable and safe. pursuant to Section 22358 of the California Vehicle Code, the City of San Rafael may determine that a speed limit of 15 or 20 miles per hour (mph) on certain streets would facilitate the orderly movement of vehicular traffic and would be reasonable and safe. Engineering and traffic studies (E&TS) have been prepared for these roadway segments consistent with Section 627 of the California Vehicle Code and identify recommended maximum speed limits, and based thereon, the City’s acting Traffic Engineer has determined and recommended that the maximum speed limit on these streets should be changed to the following Proposed Speed Limits listed in Table 1 to facilitate the orderly movement of vehicular traffic, and would be reasonable and safe.

| Table 1. Speed Limit Reductions | | |
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| Roadway Segment | Current Speed Limit | Proposed Speed Limit |
| Mission Avenue (H Street to Hetherton Street) | 25 mph | 20 mph |
| Fifth Avenue (H Street to Hetherton Street) | 25 mph | 20 mph |
| Fourth Street (Marquard Avenue to Hetherton Street) | 25 mph | 20 mph |
| Second Street (Marquard Avenue to Hayes Street) | 35 mph | 30 mph |
| H Street (Mission Avenue to Fourth Street) | 25 mph | 20 mph |
| G Street (Mission Avenue to Second Street) | 25 mph | 20 mph |
| F Street (Fifth Avenue to Latham Street) | 25 mph | 20 mph |

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| Shaver Street (Fourth Street to Second Street) | 25 mph | 20 mph |
| E Street (Mission Avenue to Second Street) | 25 mph | 20 mph |
| D Street (Fifth Avenue to First Street) | 25 mph | 20 mph |
| D Street (First Street to Antonette Avenue) | 30 mph | 25 mph |
| C Street (Mission Avenue to Second Street) | 25 mph | 20 mph |
| B Street (Mission Avenue to First Street) | 25 mph | 20 mph |
| A Street (Fifth Avenue to Second Street) | 25 mph | 20 mph |
| Lootens Place (Fifth Avenue to Third Street) | 25 mph | 20 mph |
| Cijos Street (Fourth Street to Third Street) | 25 mph | 20 mph |
| Lincoln Avenue (Mission Avenue to Second Street) | 25 mph | 20 mph |
| Tamalpais Avenue (Mission Avenue to Second Street) | 25 mph | 20 mph |
| Andersen Drive (Francisco Boulevard West to Bellam Boulevard) | 35 mph | 30 mph |
| Francisco Boulevard West (US-101 South Ramps to Rice Drive) | 35 mph | 30 mph |
| Redwood Highway (Manuel T. Freitas Parkway to 4222 Redwood Highway) | 35 mph | 30 mph |
| Smith Ranch Road (Redwood Highway to East End) | 35 mph | 30 mph |
| Civic Center Drive (Avenue of the Flags to Manuel T. Freitas Parkway) | 30 mph | 25 mph |
| Du Bois Street (Irwin Street to Woodland Avenue) | 30 mph | 25 mph |

The City has determined that adoption of the ordinance is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as it does not have the potential to cause a significant, physical environmental effect on the environment.

Copies of Ordinance No. 2045 are available for public review on the City's website: <https://www.cityofsanrafael.org>. You may also contact the City Clerk at (415) 485-3066 for information.

LINDSAY LARA
San Rafael City Clerk
Dated: 02/21/25

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THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN RAFAEL DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

DIVISION 1. FINDINGS.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 22357 of the California Vehicle Code, the City of San Rafael may determine that a speed limit greater than 25 miles per hour (mph) on certain streets would facilitate the orderly movement of vehicular traffic and would be reasonable and safe; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 22358 of the California Vehicle Code, the City of San Rafael may determine that a speed limit of 15 or 20 miles per hour (mph) on certain streets would facilitate the orderly movement of vehicular traffic and would be reasonable and safe; and

WHEREAS, the existing speed limit on the roadway segments are listed below in Table 1 under Current Speed Limits; and

WHEREAS, engineering and traffic studies (E&TS) have been prepared for these roadway segments consistent with Section 627 of the California Vehicle Code and identify recommended maximum speed limits, and based thereon, the City’s acting Traffic Engineer has determined and recommended that the maximum speed limit on these streets should be changed to the following Proposed Speed Limits listed in Table 1 to facilitate the orderly movement of vehicular traffic, and would be reasonable and safe;

| Table 1. Recommended Speed Limit Reductions | | |
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NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN RAFAEL DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

DIVISION 2. SPEED LIMIT ESTABLISHED.

The prima facie speed limit on the roadway segments are hereby decreased to the proposed speed limits listed in Table 1 and shall be effective when appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected upon the street.

DIVISION 3. CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA).

The City Council finds that adoption of this Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the adoption of this Ordinance or its implementation would have a significant effect on the environment (14 Cal. Code Regs. Section 15061(b)(3)).

DIVISION 4. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Council hereby declares that it would have adopted the Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid.

DIVISION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE; PUBLICATION.

A summary of this Ordinance shall be published and a certified copy of the full text of this Ordinance shall be posted in the office of the City Clerk at least five (5) days prior to the Council meeting at which it is adopted.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after its final passage, and the summary of this Ordinance shall be published within fifteen (15) days after the adoption, together with the names of those Councilmembers voting for or against same, in the Marin Independent Journal, a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in the City of San Rafael, Marin County, State of California.

Within fifteen (15) days after adoption, the City Clerk shall also post in the office of the City Clerk a certified copy of the full text of this Ordinance, along with the names of those Councilmembers voting for or against the Ordinance.

THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE was first read and introduced at a regular meeting of the San Rafael City Council on the 18th day of February 2025, and was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the San Rafael City Council on the 3rd day of March, 2025 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:

KATE COLIN, Mayor

LINDSAY LARA, City Clerk