

**CITY OF FREEPORT
ORDINANCE NUMBER 2020-02**

**AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO SPEED LIMIT CHANGES
WITHIN THE INCORPORATED LIMITS OF THE CITY OF
FREEPORT; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE,
CONFLICT SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the City of Freeport regulates speed limits set for public and private local roadways within the City of Freeport; and

WHEREAS, the City of Freeport wishes to establish a process for the lowering or raising of the speed limit on roadways within the City of Freeport.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FREEPORT, that the following rules and regulations pertaining raising or lowering the speed limits on local roads (public and private) within the incorporated limits of Freeport are adopted:

Section 1: Speed Limit Regulations

Speed limit signage must adhere to Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices in terms of size, reflectivity and configuration.

All posted speed limits must adhere to the speed limit parameters contained in Section 5.01.02 of the Freeport Land Development Code and shall be in conformance with the Florida Green Book Standards (most recently adopted addition).

Section 2: Submittal Requirements

In order to raise or lower a speed limit on a particular roadway within the City of Freeport, the developer/adjacent property owner/HOA must submit an “Application to Adjust Speed Limit” obtained from the Freeport Planning & Zoning Dept. which contains the following information:

- a. Applicant’s Name, Address, Phone Number and E-Mail address.
- b. Name of Subject Roadway
- c. Length and width of paved area in feet.
- d. Width of Right-of-Way
- e. Location Map which contains landmarks and traffic/multi-modal system of sufficient scale to identify the subject roadway.
- f. Narrative containing justification statement of the reasons the speed limit of the subject roadway should be raised/lowered.
- g. Application fee \$750 (includes submittal, staff review and processing and ¼-page newspaper advertisement of public hearing).
- h. Engineering Review/Speed Study fee \$880.

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Section 3: Application Coordination

After an application to adjust a speed limit has been submitted to the Freeport Planning & Zoning Dept., it will be reviewed for completeness by Planning & Zoning staff. When the application has been found to be complete, the Planning & Zoning Dept. will forward a copy of the application and attachments to the City Engineer.

Section 4: Engineering Review

The City Engineering will conduct a speed study of the roadway and will determine if the conditions and specifications of the roadway warrant the raising or lowering of the speed limit as requested. The City Engineer's findings will be forwarded to the Planning & Zoning Dept.

Section 5: Public Hearing

After the City Engineer's findings are complete, the Planning & Zoning Dept. will schedule the application for the next available Freeport City Council regular meeting for approval/approval with conditions/denial. A draft resolution will be prepared for approval by the City Council if the request is granted.

Section 6: Adopted Resolution

The prepared draft resolution will state all the conditions (if any) of the proposed raising/lowering of the specified roadway. The City Council action on the proposed roadway speed limit for the specific segment of roadway is binding unless changed via the Application to Adjust Speed Limit process or by action of the City Council.

Section 7: Authority and Purpose.

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority granted to cities by Chapter 125, Florida Statutes.

Section 8: Conflict.

Those portions of this ordinance which subject matter is in conflict with stricter ordinances adopted by the City of Freeport are hereby repealed.

Section 9: Severability.

Should any word, phrase, sentence, or section of this ordinance be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, void, unenforceable, or unconstitutional, then such language shall be severed from this ordinance and the remainder of the ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

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Section 10: Effective Date:

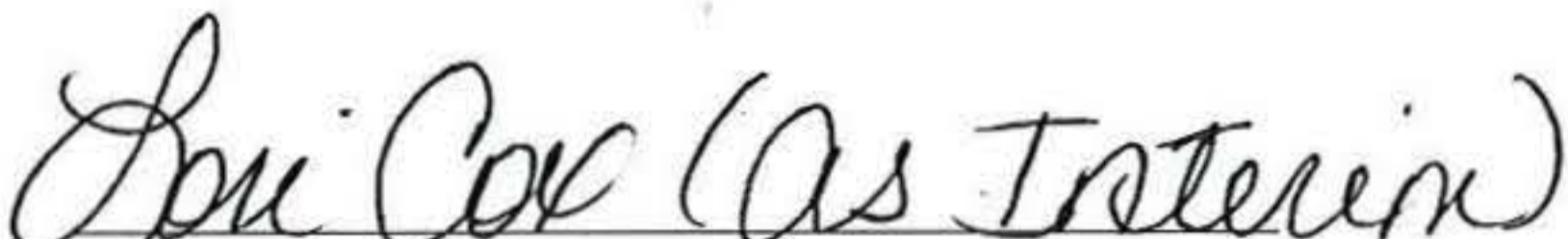
This ordinance shall take effect as provided by law.

ADOPTED in an advertised public hearing of the City Council of the City of Freeport this 14th day of April, 2020.

FREEPORT CITY COUNCIL


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk

1st Reading of Proposed Ordinance: February 27, 2020

2nd Reading/Adoption Hearing for Proposed Ordinance: April 14, 2020