



## City of Hallandale Beach City Commission Agenda Cover Memo

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Contract/P.O. Required	RFP/RFQ/Bid Number:	Sponsor Name:	Department:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Dr. Joan Shen, Director</b>	<b>Transportation and Mobility</b>		
Strategic Plan Focus Areas:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal Stability	<input type="checkbox"/> Resident Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Safety	<input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure & Mobility	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development & Affordable Housing	
Implementation Timeline:					
Estimated Start Date: 9/1/2025			Estimated End Date: 8/3/2026		

### SHORT TITLE:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE A 25 MILES PER HOUR CITYWIDE SPEED LIMIT ON TWO-LANE LOCAL RESIDENTIAL STREETS BY ADDING CHAPTER 28 – TRAFFIC, MOTOR VEHICLES AND BOATS, ARTICLE I. – IN GENERAL, SEC. 28-2.- ESTABLISHMENT OF RESIDENTIAL SPEED ZONES, POSTING, ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

### STAFF SUMMARY:

**Summary:**

The proposed City Code of Ordinance seeks approval to adopt a uniform city-wide speed limit of twenty-five (25) miles per hour (MPH) on two-lane local residential roadways, through an amendment to Chapter 28 – Traffic, Motor Vehicles, and Boats, Section 28-2 of the City Code of Ordinance as shown in the attached Exhibit 1.

Pursuant to Florida Statute § 316.189, the statutory default speed limit within municipalities is 30 MPH. However, municipalities may reduce the speed limit to 25 MPH on local residential streets, provided an engineering investigation determines the reduction to be reasonable and in conformity with criteria established by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

City staff conducted an evaluation of local roadways to determine the reasonableness and potential benefits of a reduced speed limit. Based on this investigation, it is recommended that the posted speed limit on two-lane local residential streets within the City be lowered to 25 MPH.

### **Background:**

At the June 4th Budget Presentation, the Mayor requested a review of implementing a uniform 25 MPH speed limit. In response, staff evaluated all local residential roads maintained by the City, including current posted speed limits and roadway classifications. This review was conducted in accordance with FDOT guidelines using reliable transportation data sources, including the FDOT Open Data Hub and tools such as the Preliminary Context Classification and Maximum Speed Limit TDA datasets.

A thorough assessment was conducted by dividing the City into four quadrants. Staff reviewed various two-lane local streets and compared functional classifications and existing posted speed limits. The results confirmed that the majority of local residential streets within the City already have a posted speed limit of 25 MPH or conditions that support such a reduction.

The Florida Greenbook – Manual of Uniform Minimum Standards for Design, Construction, and Maintenance for Streets and Highways provides that “the primary function of residential streets is to provide access to homes that front those streets” and emphasizes that “the primary consideration for the design of these streets is safety for residents, motorists, and pedestrians.” Given the residential nature of these streets, the presence of school traffic, pedestrians, and community Cloud Shuttle routes, safety remains a paramount concern.

The City’s roadway network includes a mix of state roads, county minor arterials, City collector roads, and local residential streets. The proposed 25 MPH speed limit would apply exclusively to two-lane local residential streets, as shown in the attached Exhibit 2, which outlines the functional classification of the City’s roads.

### **Current Situation:**

The City Code of Ordinance currently does not define a specific city-wide speed limit for residential areas. This lack of codification can result in confusion for residents and visitors, particularly in areas where signage is inconsistent or absent. Establishing a clearly defined speed limit across all two-lane local residential streets will ensure uniformity, clarity, and enforceability.

### **Why Action is Necessary:**

Pursuant to Article V, Division I, Section 5.01 of the City Charter, a City ordinance is required to amend an existing ordinance. This amendment aligns with both statutory authority and the goals outlined in the Transportation Element of the City's Comprehensive Plan, which prioritizes internal circulation and community safety.

Establishing a city-wide 25 MPH speed limit for two-lane local residential streets directly supports this objective by:

- Enhancing safety for all roadway users, including drivers, pedestrians, cyclists, and transit riders.
- Promoting consistency in traffic patterns and driver expectations across residential neighborhoods.
- Reducing dependence on physical traffic calming measures.
- Clarifying enforcement standards through codified speed limits.
- Ensuring compliance with State Statutory Authority and FDOT criteria.

Implementation of the signage and enforcement measures associated with the new speed limit will be coordinated through the Broward County Traffic Engineering Division.

### **Business Impact Estimate:**

This ordinance is expected to have no negative impact on businesses and is instead anticipated to yield a net public safety benefit. By creating consistent and enforceable speed standards on residential streets, the ordinance promotes safer conditions for all roadway users. The proposal aligns with the Florida Greenbook's emphasis on residential street safety and reflects transportation planning best practices. Further, the ordinance is limited to two-lane local residential roadways, which are not principally used for commercial access or business operations. There are no new charges or fees imposed by the proposed ordinance. Therefore, no adverse impacts on businesses are expected.

### **Cost Benefit:**

Lowering the speed limit on two-lane local residential streets to 25 MPH provides a substantial public safety benefit at a relatively low implementation cost.

At 25 MPH, drivers have more time to react to unexpected movements, such as a child entering the roadway or a pedestrian crossing mid-block. This proposed change directly supports the City's Vision Zero initiative, which aims to eliminate traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries and safety-focused mobility goals, promoting livable, walkable neighborhoods where all users feel safer using the roadway system.

Implementation costs are limited primarily to the installation or modification of signage. These costs are minimal compared to the long-term societal and economic benefits associated with reduced emergency response needs, medical costs, and lives saved.

**PROPOSED ACTION:**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve First Reading of the attached Ordinance and schedule Second Reading accordingly.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

Exhibit 1 – Ordinance

Exhibit 2 – GIS Map Posted 25 MPH Speed Limit

Exhibit 3 – Evaluation and Implementation of 25 MPH Speed Limit on Local Roads

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