



Memorandum

Date: August 14, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers

From: Rey Valdes
City Manager

Department: Edwin Lopez
Chief of Police

Subject: **Ordinance proposal for School Zone Speed Detection Services**

Introduction

The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize and implement the use of speed detection systems to enforce applicable speed limits on roadways properly maintained as school zones, as authorized by and in accordance with Chapter 2023-174, Laws of Florida, as such may be amended from time to time, in order to promote traffic safety and student welfare within the City of Doral.

Background

The City of Doral finds that speed violations in school zones present a real hazard not only to the general public's health and safety, but also specifically to children who are arriving at or departing from school. Therefore, the City of Doral has considered traffic data or other evidence supporting the installation and operation of each proposed school zone speed detection system, and has determined that each school zone where a speed detection system is to be placed or installed constitutes a heightened safety risk that warrants additional enforcement measures.

The speeding in school zones creates an unacceptable hazard for students, and that enforcement of applicable speed limits in school zones during school sessions through the use of a speed detection system may reduce instances of speeding in school zones and enhance the welfare and safety of students in the City of Doral, the Mayor and City Council wish to implement a school zone speed detection system program to enforce applicable speed limits in school zones during school sessions during school through the use of a speed detection system. On May 10, 2024,

Mayor and Council approved by unanimous motion the staff recommended criteria of a 5% exceedance of the 20 MPH threshold at any arrival or dismissal period and at any school abutting street. Based on the criteria, the following school zones constitute a heightened risk:

Andrea Castillo Prep Academy, 10201 NW 78 Street, Doral, FL 33178
Divine Savior Academy, 10311 NW 58 St., Doral, FL 33178
Doral Academy Elementary, 2450 NW 97 Ave., Doral, FL 33172
Doral Academy, 11100 NW 27 St., Doral, FL 33172
Doral International Academy of Math and Science, 6700 NW 104 Ave., Doral, FL 33178
Downtown Doral Charter Elementary, 8390 NW 53 St., Doral, FL 33166
Downtown Doral Charter Upper School, 7905 NW 53 St., Doral, FL 33166
Dr. Rolando Espinosa K-8 Center, 11250 NW 86 Street, Doral, FL 33178
Dr. Toni Bilbao Preparatory Academy, 8905 NW 113 Avenue, Doral, FL 33178
Eugenia B. Thomas K-8 Center, 5950 NW 114 Avenue, Miami, FL 33178
J.C. Bermudez Doral Senior High School, 5005 NW 112 Avenue, Doral, FL 33178
John I. Smith K-8 Center, 10415 NW 52 Street, Doral, FL 33178
Renaissance Elementary Charter School, 10651 NW 19 St., Doral, FL 33172
Renaissance Middle Charter School, 8360 NW 33 St., Miami, FL 33122
Ronald Reagan Senior High School, 8600 NW 107 Avenue, Doral, FL 33178

The proposed ordinance also defines operation of speed detection systems, traffic enforcement procedures when speed detection systems speed detection systems are to be utilized for school zone speed limit violations, and hearing procedures relating to school speed zone violations.

Recommendation

The Interim City Manager's Office respectfully requests that the Mayor and City Councilmembers authorize the ordinance and determine that the above referenced school zones constitute heightened safety risks that warrants additional traffic enforcement measures based on the traffic data collected.