



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

City Manager

City Council Regular Meeting Date: April 21, 2026

To: City Council
From: Dana A. Souza, City Manager
Date: April 12, 2026

SUBJECT: Draft Discussion and First Reading of Ordinance 26-011 amending Chapter 66, Traffic, Article III, Speed Limits to authorize the City Council to establish roadway speed limits by Resolution.

BACKGROUND: At its March 3, 2026, meeting, the City Council received the "[Speed Study and Passing Zone Analysis](#)" (the "Speed Analysis"). Following discussion and public comment, the City Council reached consensus directing staff to return with an action item to reduce speed limits on the following roads:

1. E. Periwinkle Way from Causeway Blvd. to Lighthouse Beach Park – reduce the speed limit from 35 mph to 25 mph.
2. Periwinkle Way from Causeway Blvd. to Tarpon Bay Rd. – reduce the speed limit from 35 mph to 30 mph.

Because Section 66-121 of the Sanibel Code of Ordinances currently establishes the maximum speed limit on Periwinkle Way from Ferry Road (east) to Tarpon Bay Road (west) at 35 miles per hour, the Code must be amended in order to reduce the speed limit on that roadway.

Staff recommends that the City Council consider approving Ordinance 26-011 that establishes a citywide maximum speed limit of 35 miles per hour and authorizes the City Council to set specific roadway speed limits by resolution.

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. Discussion and direction.
2. Schedule Ordinance 26-011 for Second Reading and Public Hearing on May 5, 2026.

Sanibel is and shall remain a barrier island sanctuary