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**From:** Larry Bearfield <larry@redbearfam.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 3, 2026 1:37 PM  
**To:** sancouncil  
**Subject:** Speed Limits

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PLEASE READ MY EMAIL FOR THE RECORD

Current speed limits are entirely adequate and appropriate.

**It's enforcement that's lacking. That's why people are speeding!**

And so what if Sanibel becomes known for traffic enforcement and tickets.

Leave the limits as they are.

**Larry Bearfield**

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**From:** Casey Bradley Gent <caseybradleygent@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 3, 2026 6:48 PM  
**To:** sancouncil  
**Subject:** Re: Speed Limit input

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Dear Council members,

The new road signs along the wild mile are lovely. Thank you for those!

This letter is regarding the proposed lowering of Sanibel's speed limits. I am not in favor of lowering the speed limit on San Cap. Currently, 35 mph is manageable. It is also a speed which allows for driver reaction time.

Additionally, I believe bright signage - there is a new pedestrian sign at one of San Cap's crosswalks - is more beneficial than a blanket lowering of the speed.

There are also already lights and a traffic camera present in the Sanibel School zone.

Please do not move forward with a speed limit below 35 mph on San Cap.

Thank you for your consideration. I think a limit lower than 35 will be ignored by most drivers. 35 mph is ideal for the thoroughfares.

Best,

Casey Gent

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Thomas Potisk <tpotisk@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 1, 2026 11:50 AM  
**To:** sancouncil  
**Subject:** Speed limit

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Hello, I am a Sanibel property owner. I am opposed to lowering the speed limit on the Sancap Rd. I am also opposed to adding stop signs at Rabbit Road intersection.

Tom Potisk  
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**From:** Kris Robbins <uhaverived@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 1, 2026 10:11 AM  
**To:** sancouncil  
**Subject:** City Ordinance 26-011 opposition

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My wife and I are permanent residents of Sanibel, 45 years of experience with rental property as well coming to both Sanibel and Captiva. We have reviewed the Speed Study passing zone Analysis, Powerpoint, and draft ordinance posted in preparation for the upcoming meeting 5/5/2026. We will be traveling and unable to be at the meeting next Tuesday, so are compelled to write-in and oppose the ordinance 26-011 fully.

We oppose changes to the speed limits, but support improved signage along with traffic calming measures cited in sections 6.1 and 6.2 of the Analysis, if anything. We do not see a safety issue cited or proven by recent analysis, yet we have seen significant drop in traffic over the last year, especially in the last month, and weeks. Perhaps they should update their Analysis off-season and as we get further away from post hurricane(s) impacting reconstruction traffic.

Please do NOT make rash decisions based on speeding driven by construction traffic, or peak/seasonal traffic and/or those not regular to the island. Construction traffic is clearly slowing and those living here that must go off island for work, healthcare, cheaper groceries & gas (lack competition here), would only be hampered further by lowering traffic speeds.

We see this ordinance as totally unnecessary and negative to all residents of the island.

Sincerely,  
Kris Robbins

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**From:** Bill Rigsby <webmaster@rigsbybrothers.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 1, 2026 9:12 AM  
**To:** sancouncil  
**Subject:** Opposing ordinance 26-011

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I would like to voice our family's opposition to ordinance 26-011. Its obvious this will just further empower city council to impose lower speed limits at its whim in various areas of our island home.... all of which we oppose.

1. For all the same reasons we previously opposed a 3 way stop at Rabbit Road, we oppose any speed limit reductions on SanCap Road or Periwinkle Road.
2. We oppose 35mph as the maximum allowed speed on Sanibel.
3. In fact, having reviewed the results of the Johnson engineering traffic study.....my wife and I are strongly in favor of an INCREASE to a 40mph speed limit on SanCap Road to better match the study results.

Look, we really appreciate your work on council to represent us. We live on the West end of Sanibel and are year round permanent residents. We work here, shop here, eat out here, recreate here, active in our church here, etc.....and travel SanCap and Periwinkle multiple times daily in the course of our regular commutes. The traffic issues on Sanibel are NOT caused by excessive speed limits and will just be exacerbated by LOWERING the speed limits.

This ordinance just "feels like" a way for council to "look" actively engaged in solving our very real seasonal traffic issues.....when in reality it has a very negative quality of life affect on permanent residents - especially during the off season.

City council demonstrated this when you lowered Wulfert Road to 20mph in a knee-jerk request from Sanctuary residents, in opposition from residents like us who don't live in the Sanctuary but are affected by the 20mph speed limit. Instead of suggesting to the hoa/residents that they explore alternatives (sidewalks, no on-street parking, parking on only 1 side of the street, etc) you guys just lowered the speed limit.....because you have the power to do so.

For the first time ever on Wulfert Rd there was a traffic fatality.....AFTER the speed was lowered!

Again, speed was not the problem! And speed is not the problem in these other areas either!

Thanks again for your willingness to serve!  
Bill and Lisa Rigsby  
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**From:** Lisa Murn <lisamariemurn@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 30, 2026 10:12 PM  
**To:** sancouncil  
**Subject:** Speed limit

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As a part time (high season) resident who is on island from October thru April, I am against lowering the speed limits on island. I support the police enforcing the current limits in any way. I support maintaining the few passing areas on the island. That is my opinion.

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**From:** Jewelyn Sims <jewelynsims@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 30, 2026 8:51 PM  
**To:** sancouncil  
**Subject:** Speed limit decrease on Periwinkle

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Hi Council members,

I wanted to reach out and share some thoughts about the ongoing discussion regarding a potential speed limit reduction on Periwinkle. As a full-time resident who drives this road pretty regularly, I've been thinking about what that change might mean for our daily lives here.

To be frank, I'm a bit unsure if lowering the speed limit would genuinely address the core issues we face on Periwinkle. When the road is clear and there's no seasonal rush, 35 mph already feels quite measured, and often, it feels like a good, safe speed for those conditions. My concern is that going even slower might simply make drives feel unnecessarily drawn out during off-peak times.

And then, during the busier seasons, it's a completely different story, isn't it? Periwinkle often slows to a crawl or becomes bumper-to-bumper traffic, regardless of the posted limit. We're lucky to hit 10-20 mph then, so the actual speed we can travel is already dictated by congestion, not the signs.

I can't help but wonder if our community's energy and resources might be better spent on other pressing matters that truly impact our island's quality of life. Perhaps there are other traffic solutions, pedestrian safety initiatives in specific areas, or other improvements that could make a more tangible difference for all of us.

This particular proposal just doesn't quite resonate with me as a priority right now, and I wanted to voice that perspective.

Thanks so much for taking the time to consider my input!

Best,

Jewelyn Sims  
A concerned island resident

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