



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

City Manager

City Council Regular Meeting Date: June 16, 2026

To: City Council
From: Dana A. Souza, City Manager
Date: May 29, 2026

SUBJECT: Discussion of draft Ordinance 26-011 to establish public roadway speed limits by Ordinance and reducing speed limits on certain roadways and/or sections of roadways.

BACKGROUND: On April 21, 2026, the City Council discussed draft Ordinance 26-011 and directed staff to revise the ordinance to require that roadway speed limit changes be adopted by ordinance rather than by resolution.

The current version of Ordinance 26-011 reflects the additional direction provided by the City Council regarding revisions to the draft ordinance on May 5, 2026.

Ordinance 26-011 amends Chapter 66 of the Sanibel Code of Ordinances to establish speed limits for all publicly owned roadways within the City and to require that any future changes to roadway speed limits be adopted by ordinance, consistent with applicable state law and traffic engineering studies.

The ordinance establishes roadway-specific speed limits ranging from 10 mph to 35 mph, including designated speed zones on Periwinkle Way and Sanibel-Captiva Road, and retains the 10 mph speed limit on the Buell Creek Bridge. It also sets a default speed limit of 30 mph on publicly owned roadways not otherwise specifically identified in the ordinance.

Prior to the May 5, 2026, City Council meeting, the City Council and staff received a letter from the Beachview Neighborhood Association requesting that the speed limits on Par View Drive and Birdie View Point be reduced from 30 mph to 25 mph. Ordinance 26-011 incorporates the request from the neighborhood association. The Sanibel Police Department Traffic Report with the speed analysis is included the agenda packet for this item.

In addition, the ordinance authorizes the City Manager or designee to install and maintain advisory (warning) traffic signs as necessary to promote traffic safety. The presentation included in the agenda packet details the consensus direction provided by the City Council on May 5, 2026.

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discussion and direction.

Sanibel is and shall remain a barrier island sanctuary