



REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION
CITY OF INDEPENDENCE
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Department Police

Director Approval Jerry Harrison

AGENDA ITEM Remove flashing yellow signs located in the 300 and 400 blocks of East Main and replace them with 20 mph signs indicating school speeds are in effect from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm on school days.

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION Police department staff recommend removing flashing yellow signs located in the 300 and 400 blocks of East Main and replacing them with 20 mph signs indicating school speeds are in effect from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm on school days at the noted locations.

BACKGROUND Public Works Director Mike Passauer and Chief Harrison are recommending the removal of two flashing yellow signs that read “SCHOOL SPEED LIMIT WHEN FLASHING”, indicating the speed limit is 20 mph. The flashing yellow signs are no longer standard traffic control devices, are nearing the end of their service life, and are costly to replace. In November of 2018 the commissioners approved removing two similar signs located on the 1400 and 1900 blocks of N. 10th for the same reasons. The 20 mph flashing school zone signs are located inside of a 20 mph zone that starts in the 400 block of E. Main and ends in the 500 block of W. Main.

The flashing yellow signs should be replaced with 20 mph school zone signs indicating school speeds are in effect from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm on school days. This change will make this school zone consistent with other school zones around town. The end of the school zone is already marked at the intersection of 3rd and E. Main and the 400 block of E. Main.

BUDGET IMPACT \$150

SUGGESTED MOTION I move that the flashing yellow signs that read “SCHOOL SPEED LIMIT WHEN FLASHING” be removed from the 300 and 400 blocks of East Main Street and be replaced with 20 mph school zone signs indicating school speeds are in effect from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm on school days.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Diagram of area with exemplar signs

300 E MAIN ST



Replace both flashing signs with similar sign

308 N 4TH ST

300 E MAIN ST

410 E MAIN ST

416 E MAIN ST

422 E MAIN ST

North 3rd Street

Remove Flashing sign here



East Main Street (US 160)

Remove Flashing Sign Here

301 E MAIN ST

311 E MAIN ST

323 E MAIN ST

Street

411 E MAIN ST

419 E MAIN ST

South Pa