



REPORT to the MAYOR and MEMBERS of the CITY COUNCIL
From the CITY MANAGER

DATE: November 28, 2023

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AMENDING SECTION 12.52.050 OF THE LA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE LIMITING THE GROSS WEIGHT TO THREE TONS OF A PORTION OF JACKSON DRIVE AND LEMON AVENUE BETWEEN LA MESA BOULEVARD AND SR125 SOUTH BOUND ENTRANCE RAMP

ISSUING DEPARTMENT: Public Works

SUMMARY:

Issues:

Should the City Council approve limiting the gross weight to three tons of a portion of Jackson Drive and Lemon Avenue between La Mesa Boulevard and SR125 Southbound entrance ramp?

Recommendation:

The City Council approve limiting the gross weight to three tons of a portion of Jackson Drive and Lemon Avenue between La Mesa Boulevard and SR125 Southbound entrance ramp.

Fiscal Impact:

The cost to install weight limit signs should be less than \$1,000 and can be covered by the Public Works Traffic Operations maintenance budget (3107-6420).

City's Strategic Goals:

- Promote a high quality of life that current and future generations can afford to call home.

Environmental Review:

This project is categorically exempt from the environmental review process under Section 15301 Class 1 (c) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, which exempts projects which involve negligible or no expansion of existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities.

BACKGROUND:

Requests for limiting the gross weight of vehicles on certain roads are used to reduce traffic, protect the roadways wear, appearance, and character.

Per California Vehicle Code (CVC) section 35701, the City, may by ordinance prohibit the use of a street by any commercial vehicle, or by any vehicle exceeding a maximum gross weight limit, with some exceptions as indicated in the section.

DISCUSSION:

The request for limiting the gross weight of a portion of Lemon Avenue between Garfield Street and Wood Street was requested from a homeowner with the volumes of large, heavy trucks transiting through the street segment, increasing wear and tear on a road, which is not designated as a truck route.

On November 1st, the Mobility Commission reviewed and recommended the approval of the weight limit on the Lemon Segment with the following change, increasing the scope of the street limits to include the segment of Jackson Drive from La Mesa Boulevard to Lemon Avenue to prevent vehicles exceeding 3 tons from initially driving into the residential neighborhood, and instead directing heavier vehicles to remain on the higher capacity streets of La Mesa Boulevard and Grossmont Boulevard.

Due to the proximity of the segment to Lemon Elementary School, School Buses will be an included exception along with the exceptions covered under CVC Sections 35700 through 35722.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends that the City Council to approve a resolution amending Section 12.52.050 of the La Mesa Municipal Code and limiting the gross weight to three tons of a portion of Jackson Drive and Lemon Avenue from La Mesa Boulevard to the SR125 southbound entrance ramp.

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Attachments: A: Resolution
 B: Weight Limit Map