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ITEM #7  
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## MEMORANDUM

February 28, 2014

**TO:** Board of Mayor and Aldermen

**FROM:** Eric Stuckey, City Administrator  
David Parker, City Engineer/CIP Executive  
Paul Holzen, Director of Engineering  
Jonathan Marston, Staff Engineer 3

**SUBJECT:** **Consideration of Ordinance 2014-05, An Ordinance To Temporarily Reduce The Speed Limit On South Carothers Road From The City Limits To Corbert Lane And From Falcon Creek Drive to Upland Drive To Twenty Miles Per Hour (20 MPH) In Both Directions For The Duration Of The Carothers Parkway South Extension Construction Project.**

### Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to recommend approval of Ordinance 2014-05, an Ordinance to temporarily reduce the speed limit South Carothers Road from the City Limits to Corbert Lane and from Falcon Creek Drive to Upland Drive to twenty miles per hour (20 mph) in both directions for the duration of the Carothers Parkway South Extension Construction Project (COF Contract No. 2013-0048).

### Background

The Carothers Parkway South Extension Project, from Falcon Creek subdivision to Truman Road West, in the Highlands at Ladd Park subdivision, was bid out on June 11, 2013 and was issued a Notice to Proceed, effective September 1, 2013. Included in this project is the construction of two connections between the new Carothers Parkway and the existing South Carothers Road. These two connections each occur at existing 90-degree curves on South Carothers Road. At the completion of this construction project, these connection between Carothers Parkway and South Carothers Road will be stop-sign controlled. The construction of these connections will improve the existing roadway alignment. For the safety of drivers and construction workers, the contractor has requested, with staff concurrence, to reduce the existing 35 MPH and 30 MPH speed limits to 20 MPH. This reduction in speed limit, should allow drivers to safely react to change road conditions and the presence of construction equipment and workers.

This Ordinance will allow the Franklin Police Department to enforce the lower construction speed limit throughout the duration of the construction project. The way the Ordinance is written, the speed limit will revert back to the original 35 MPH and 30 MPH speed limits, once construction activities are completed.

### Financial Impact

The contractor, under their existing construction contract (COF 2013-0048), will fabricate and install the necessary regulatory and construction signage.

### Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of Ordinance 2014-05 to temporarily reduce the speed limit on South Carothers Road.

## ORDINANCE 2014-05

**TO BE ENTITLED: “AN ORDINANCE TO TEMPORARILY REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ON SOUTH CAROTHERS ROAD FROM THE CITY LIMITS TO CORBERT LANE AND FROM FALCON CREEK DRIVE TO UPLAND DRIVE TO TWENTY MILES PER HOUR (20 MPH) IN BOTH DIRECTIONS FOR THE DURATION OF THE CAROTHERS PARKWAY SOUTH EXTENSION CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.”**

**WHEREAS**, South Carothers Road is classified as a Major Collector and a Major Arterial within the City’s Major Thoroughfare Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the current speed limits of South Carothers Road is 35 MPH between the City Limits and Corbert Lane and 30 MPH between Falcon Creek Drive and Upland Drive ; and

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin Board of Mayor and Aldermen have approved COF Contract No. 2013-0048, the Construction Contract for the Carothers Parkway South Extension Project, from Falcon Creek subdivision to Truman Road West, in the Highlands at Ladd Park subdivision; and

**WHEREAS**, the construction required to complete the Carothers Parkway South Extension Project, will improve the roadway alignment at two (2), ninety (90) degree curves on existing South Carothers Road; and

**WHEREAS**, engineering principles/judgment related to vehicular driver and construction worker safety give justification for temporarily reducing the speed limit from 20 MPH.

### **NOW, THEREFORE:**

**SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Franklin, Tennessee that the speed limits on South Carothers Road from the City Limits to Corbert Lane and from Falcon Creek Drive to Upland Drive be temporarily decreased to Twenty Miles per Hour (20 MPH) for both directions (Exhibit A) for the duration of the Carothers Parkway South Extension Project.

**SECTION II: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Franklin, Tennessee that the speed limits on Carothers Parkway South Extension from the City Limits to Corbert Lane and from Falcon Creek Drive to Upland Drive be returned to Thirty-Five Miles per Hour (35 MPH) and Thirty Miles Per Hour (30 MPH), respectively, for both directions after the completion of the Carothers Parkway South Extension Project.

**SECTION III: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Franklin, Tennessee, that the penalty for failure to obey the provisions of this Ordinance shall be as indicated in the Franklin Municipal Code and/or the Tennessee Code Annotated.

**SECTION IV: BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED** by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Franklin, Tennessee, that this Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage on second and final reading, the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Franklin requiring it.

**ATTEST:**

**CITY OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ERIC S. STUCKEY**  
**CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**DR. KEN MOORE**  
**MAYOR**

**PASSED FIRST READING**

**PASSED SECOND READING**

**Approved as to Form:**

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**Shauna S. Billingsley, City Attorney**



END  
20 MPH SPEED ZONE  
Upland Drive

SPEED  
LIMIT  
**20**

BEGIN  
20 MPH SPEED ZONE  
Falcon Creek Drive

END  
20 MPH SPEED ZONE  
Corbert Lane

CAROTHERS PARKWAY  
Under Construction

SPEED  
LIMIT  
**20**

BEGIN  
20 MPH SPEED ZONE  
City Limits

