



SPEED LIMITS

When will a lower speed limit be posted on my street?

The speed limit on all streets within the City is 25 mph unless posted otherwise. Speed limit signs are typically posted as you enter a neighborhood or as you come off a roadway that has a higher speed limit. A common perception is that posting a speed limit will influence drivers to drive at that speed. The facts indicate otherwise. National research has shown that drivers are influenced more by the appearance of the roadway itself and the prevailing traffic conditions than the posted speed limit.

The following information is intended to explain the basics of realistic speed limits, summarize the applicable laws, and provide a brief outline of how and why speed limits are determined.

Four widely held misconceptions about speed limits are:

- Speed limit signs will slow down traffic.
- Speed limit signs will decrease accidents and increase safety.
- Raising a posted speed limit will increase the speed of traffic.
- Lowering a posted speed limit will automatically decrease the speed of traffic.

Several studies have consistently shown that there are no significant changes in average vehicle speeds following the posting of new or revised speed limits. Similar research has found no direct relationship between posted speed limits and accident frequency.