

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

Lord/Mayor

RESOLUTION 22-080

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA REQUESTING THE STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES (AKDOT/PF) CONDUCT A SPEED LIMIT REVIEW ON EAST END ROAD TO EVALUATE DECREASING THE CURRENT 45 MILE PER HOUR (MPH) SPEED LIMIT TO 35 MPH WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF HOMER.

WHEREAS, The State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (AKDOT/PF) is responsible for the entirety of East End Road; and

WHEREAS, Speed limits are set by AKDOT/PF based on traffic analyses and speed limit reviews; and

WHEREAS, East End Road through the City of Homer and Kachemak City has substantial residential and business activity, including parks, playgrounds, an equestrian center, and many pedestrians and cyclists; and

WHEREAS, The section of East End Road, located between the boundaries of Kachemak City and the City of Homer, has a single broken line center stripe that allows passing in both directions; Speeds much higher than 45 are used in passing adding to the danger of inattention to other activities along the roadway; and

WHEREAS, There have been multiple vehicle accidents along East End Road in this busy area in recent years; and

WHEREAS, Numerous community members have expressed concerns about the 45 mph speed limit on East End Road through the City of Homer and would like to see it reduced; and

WHEREAS, Kachemak City has also expressed concerns about the speed limit and would like to see it reduced; and

WHEREAS, AKDOT/PF has a backlog of requests for speed limit reviews around the state, with requests taking a year or more to be processed; and

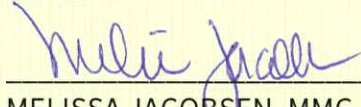
WHEREAS, According to AKDOT/PF, "a speed limit review/change should have the support of the local government to help prioritize resources and evaluations that reflect the desires of the larger community"; and

43 WHEREAS, The City of Homer would not be required to conduct any traffic analysis or
44 engineering from the City budget.

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46 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Homer requests the State of Alaska
47 Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (AKDOT/PF) conduct a speed limit review
48 on East End Road to evaluate decreasing the current 45 mile per hour (mph) speed limit to 35
49 mph within the City limits of Homer.

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51 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council on this 24th day of October, 2022.

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53 CITY OF HOMER
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56 KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

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58 ATTEST:
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61 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

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63 Fiscal Note: N/A

