

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

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RESOLUTION 24-104

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA
DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADDRESS SPEEDING ON WEST
FAIRVIEW.

WHEREAS, The new connection between Fairview Avenue and Eric Lane has resulted in a significant increase in vehicle traffic on West Fairview Avenue; and

WHEREAS, The section of West Fairview Avenue where vehicles enter is 40 feet wide, a width that was intended to accommodate a future sidewalk, though any paving and sidewalk project is years away; and

WHEREAS, Studies have shown that wider roads encourage higher vehicle speeds, and this has been observed on the 40-foot wide section of West Fairview Avenue, with drivers regularly exceeding the 25 mph speed limit by 10 to 30 mph; and

WHEREAS, The excessively wide gravel road has also led to increased speeds on the narrower paved section of Fairview Avenue to the east, funneling speeding drivers into this area; and

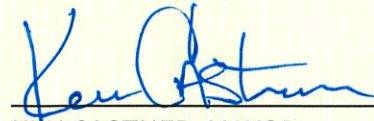
WHEREAS, During the summer, the city effectively addressed this problem by using cones to reserve a 10-foot wide section of the road for pedestrian use, narrowing the drivable portion to 30 feet, and by placing a speed cart on the 40-foot wide section of West Fairview Avenue that displayed the 25 mph speed limit and flashed drivers' actual speeds, prompting most drivers to slow down; and

WHEREAS, The recent removal of these traffic calming measures has resulted in a significant increase in vehicle speeds, leading to multiple appeals to the city from residents and other users of the road to address this problem.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Homer, Alaska, directs the City Manager to work with the Public Works Department, in collaboration with the Police Department, to take timely action to address speeding on the excessively wide portion of West Fairview Avenue year round, by narrowing the drivable portion to the appropriate width outlined in city code and dedicating the remainder to pedestrian and other non-motorized use.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 23rd day of September, 2024.

CITY OF HOMER



KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



RENEE KRAUSE, MMC, CITY CLERK

Fiscal note: Staff time and materials

