AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING NEW TRAFFIC REGULATIONS AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

WHEREAS, written requests for changes in the traffic regulations have been received, duly advertised and posted; and

WHEREAS, two public hearings were conducted in front of the County Council pursuant to Section 310.010.A, Ordinances of St. Charles County, Missouri on August 13 and August 27, 2018, with the public having the opportunity to comment on possible new traffic regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Department has considered such public comments and has made a recommendation regarding same, a copy of said recommendation is attached hereto as EXHIBIT A; and

WHEREAS, the County Council has legislative power pertaining to traffic in the part of the County outside incorporated cities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

POSTED: NOVEMBER 26, 2018
Section 1. **Speed Limit Requests.**

Establish a speed limit of 35 m.p.h. for Research Park Drive from Route 94 to Weldon Springs Heights Drive.

Section 2. **Penalties.** A violation of any provision of this ordinance is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00), or by imprisonment in the St. Charles County Jail for a term not to exceed one (1) year, or by both fine and imprisonment. A separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day a violation occurs or continues.

Section 3. **Enforcement.** Enforcement of this ordinance shall be the responsibility of the Prosecuting Attorney or County Counselor as appropriate.

Section 4. **Publication of Ordinance.** This ordinance is subject to penalty provisions for its violation and therefore, for penal purposes, shall be effective thirty-one (31) days after its posting in six public places, its publication in full on the web site of St. Charles County, and the publication of its title and the location in St. Charles County where it may be viewed in its entirety in a legal publication or a newspaper of general circulation in St. Charles County.
Section 5. **Effective Date.** This ordinance shall be effective on the thirty-first (31st) day after publication of this ordinance.

*November 13, 2018*

DATE PASSED

*November 16, 2018*

DATE APPROVED BY COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

ATTEST:

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COUNTY REGISTRAR
MEMORANDUM

TO: John Greifzu, Assistant Director of Administration
FROM: Craig Tajkowski, County Engineer
RE: Traffic Regulation Requests
DATE: September 7, 2018

The following recommendations regarding STOP signs and other traffic regulations are in response to requests received from County residents by the office of the County Highway Department and for which public hearings were conducted before the County Council on August 13 and August 27, 2018.

A review was made of each request using the guidelines of the Federal Highway Administration's "Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)" which establishes conditions or situations where traffic regulations are warranted.

In accordance with the MUTCD guidelines, we offer the following recommendations:

TRAFFIC REGULATION RECOMMENDATIONS

SPEED LIMIT REQUESTS

1. Do not reduce the speed limit from 25 m.p.h. to 15 m.p.h. on streets in the Jaxson Estates subdivision. 25 m.p.h. is the universally accepted standard speed limit for local streets, and is widely recognized as being safe, not only for subdivisions in St. Charles County, but also for the region and nationally. (The lower 15 m.p.h. speed limit is reserved for special areas like school zones.)

There is nothing inherently dangerous or otherwise deficient about the alignment or condition of the streets in Jaxson Estates that would necessitate a reduction from the accepted standard, nor is there a crash history indicating any type of problem.

Furthermore, past discussions with the St. Charles County Police Department suggests that they typically do not support this lower speed limit, believing that “the 15 mph speed limit has the potential to create more hazards than safety. In the unlikely event drivers were to adhere to this lower limit, other drivers will surely pass or attempt to pass these slow moving vehicles, thus increasing the danger to both the motorists and subdivision residents.”
2. Establish a speed limit of 35 m.p.h. for Research Park Drive from Route 94 to Weldon Springs Heights Drive. The establishment of this speed limit was requested by MoDOT, as this road falls under their jurisdiction. They apparently had no previous record of a speed limit being established for this roadway.

"NO PARKING" REQUESTS

1. Do not establish a “Resident Parking Only” restriction along Timothyridge Drive. The problems the residents are experiencing are being caused by park visitors using Timothyridge Drive as an “unofficial access point” to the new Veterans Memorial Park prior to its official opening. In doing so, they are parking on the dead end portion of Timothyridge Drive, which results in traffic and access issues for adjacent residents and other vehicles (delivery trucks, school busses, postal service vehicles, trash service, etc.) needing to access this area.

   Establishing a “Resident Parking Only” restriction would prevent these local homeowners from having parking available for visiting family and friends, and would lead to an enforcement issue for the St. Charles County Police, as there is no program in place that would identify vehicles as “permitted residents”.

   With the upcoming opening of the park, we will continue to monitor the situation to see if the parking problem continues or worsens. If it does so, we believe a better solution, as indicated by the petitioners at the Public Hearings, would be to erect a fence at the end of Timothyridge Drive. Doing so would remove this “unofficial” access and would do away with the incentive for people to park in this confined area.

   Discussion would take place with the Parks Department at that time to work out the details of adding the necessary fencing.

After your review, please forward to the County Counselor for the drafting of an ordinance to present to the Council for consideration during the October 9 and October 29, 2018 Council meetings.

Because these regulations are countywide, we would expect the ordinance to be sponsored by the Council as a whole. If you have any questions, please advise.

cc: Kelley Pogulis
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