

AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING PORTIONS OF DARROW ROAD (STATE ROUTE 91) AS BEING AN “URBAN DISTRICT” UNDER STATE LAW AND AMENDING THE CITY’S TRAFFIC CODE TO LOWER THE SPEED LIMIT FROM 45 MILES PER HOUR TO 35 MILES PER HOUR ON DARROW ROAD (STATE ROUTE 91) BETWEEN VALLEY VIEW ROAD AND THE CITY’S NORTHERN CORPORATE LINE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City has reviewed portions of State Route 91 within the City of Hudson, north of Valley View Road to the City’s northern corporate border; and

WHEREAS, after multiple traffic accidents, including fatalities, the City’s review sought to identify methods to reduce the risk of traffic accidents and fatalities moving forward; and

WHEREAS, the City Engineer has studied the area, consulted with the Ohio Department of Transportation, and determined that a specified portion of State Route 91, north of Valley View Road and south of the City’s Northern corporate limit, is an “Urban District,” as defined within Ohio Revised Code § 4511.01(PP); and

WHEREAS, the City administration and its consultants have reviewed the matter with the Ohio Department of Transportation’s District Speed Zone Coordinator, who in turn determined that the City has sole authority to formally declare the above portion of State Route 91 to be a “Urban District” and, accordingly, modify the speed limit on this stretch of State Route 91 to be 35 miles per hour, pursuant to the per se “Urban District” speed limit under the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to declare the designated portion of State Route 91 an “Urban District” so that the speed limit can be lawfully lowered to 35 miles per hour.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Hudson, Summit County, Ohio, as follows:

Section 1. That the portion of State Route 91 between Valley View Road and the City’s northern corporate border is hereby declared an “Urban District,” as defined under Ohio Revised Code 4511.01(PP).

Section 2. That, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 4511.21(B)(3), Schedule I of Section 410.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Hudson be amended to provide:

410.01 SCHEDULE I – EXISTING POSTED SPEED LIMITS.

<u>Street</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Speed Limit</u>
Darrow Road (State Route 91)	Valley View Road	Northern Corporate Line	35

Section 3. That the aforesaid recitals are rendered to be the findings of this Council and are hereby incorporated into this Ordinance.

Section 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 5. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and for the further reason that prompt implementation is required to address existing risks to public and traffic safety within the City; wherefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) members of Council elected thereto, or six (6) affirmative votes if all members of Council are present at the meeting at which it is passed; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: _____

Jeffrey L. Anzevino, Mayor

ATTEST:

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council

I certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 26-98 was duly passed by the Council of said Municipality on _____, 2026.

Aparna Wheeler, Clerk of Council