



# City of Brookings

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## Legislation Text

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**File #:** ORD 21-004, **Version:** 3

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Public Hearing and Action on reconsideration of Ordinance 21-004, an Ordinance revising Division 3 of Chapter 82 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Brookings and Pertaining to Speed Zones in the City of Brookings, South Dakota.

### **Summary:**

The street construction on 20<sup>th</sup> Street South was completed in 2020 with a widened roadway, concrete shared-use path and street lights to enhance traffic and pedestrian safety. The speed limit had been previously reduced to 25 miles per hour (mph) between Western Avenue South and Main Avenue South after Dakota Prairie School was opened. After the street reconstruction was completed, the Engineering Department performed speed studies on the segment between Western Avenue South and Main Avenue South in September and October, 2020. The study showed the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile was 36 mph for the east-bound direction and 37 mph for the west-bound direction.

The Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) describes the guidance for setting roadway speeds is to use the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed as target and the speed should be within 5 mph of the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile. Staff is recommending that the speed limit be changed to 35 miles per hour using the MUTCD guidance. A comparison of collector street speeds was developed for comparison.

### **Brookings City Council, February 23, 2021**

A public hearing was held on Ordinance 21-004, an Ordinance revising Division 3 of Chapter 82 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Brookings and Pertaining to Speed Zones in the City of Brookings, South Dakota. A motion was made by Council Member Niemeyer, seconded by Council Member Brink, that Ordinance

21-004 be approved. The motion failed by the following vote: Yes: 3 - Corbett, Niemeyer, and Brink  
No: 4 - Bacon, Wendell, Tilton Byrne, and Collins.

### **Brookings City Council, March 9, 2021 (unapproved)**

A motion to reconsider was made by Council Member Collins, seconded by Council Member Brink, for Ordinance 21-004, an Ordinance revising Division 3 of Chapter 82 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Brookings pertaining to Speed Zones in the City of Brookings, SD. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 7 - Corbett, Niemeyer, Brink, Bacon, Wendell, Tilton Byrne, and Collins.

Ordinance 21-004 was therefore reconsidered, and further action will be required at a subsequent meeting.

### **Recommendation:**

Staff recommends approval.

### **Attachments:**

Memo

Ordinance - Clean

Ordinance - Marked

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Speed Comparison Map