



MEMORANDUM TO VENICE CITY COUNCIL

THROUGH CHARTER OFFICER: James Clinch, City Manager

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FROM: Louis White, Captain

DEPARTMENT: Police

DATE: 05/06/2026

MEETING DATE: 05/12/2026

SUBJECT / TOPIC: Ordinance No. 2026-19 School Zone Speed Enforcement

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Ordinance No. **2025-24** established school zone speed enforcement provisions within the City of Venice, including a defined list of designated school zones. Since adoption of that ordinance, operational and engineering review identified the need to update the list of school zones to enhance pedestrian safety and improve enforcement consistency.

Ordinance No. 2026-19 is proposed to amend Ordinance No. 2025-24 to revise school zone designations so they accurately reflect current conditions.

Venice Elementary School and Venice High School are located along the same roadway corridor and share common pedestrian traffic patterns. Students, parents, faculty, and pedestrians associated with both campuses utilize the same sidewalks, crossings, and roadway access points.

Due to roadway engineering constraints immediately in front of Venice High School, traffic engineering staff recommended treating the two schools as one continuous school zone rather than creating separate or overlapping zones. Any change in speed enforcement, signage, or traffic behavior in this area will directly impact pedestrians traveling to and from both schools.

Establishing one combined school zone:

- Promotes consistent and predictable speed enforcement
- Enhances pedestrian safety for both school populations
- Reduces driver confusion caused by segmented or overlapping zones
- Improves operational efficiency for signage placement and enforcement

SUPPORTS STRATEGIC PLAN: Goal Two: Provide Efficient, Responsive Government with High Quality Services

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED: For Council Adoption by Motion

Yes N/A

- Document(s) Reviewed for ADA compliance (required if for agenda posting)
 - City Attorney Reviewed/Approval
 - Risk Management Review
 - Finance Department Review/Approval
- Funds Availability (account number):

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