

ORDINANCE NO. 961

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELL GARDENS CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE RECERTIFICATION OF THE 2015 CITYWIDE SUPPLEMENTAL SPEED SURVEY AFFIRMING THE ACCURACY OF THE CITY'S POSTED SPEED LIMITS THROUGH OCTOBER 12, 2029

WHEREAS, California Vehicle Code sections 22357 and 22358 expressly authorize local authorities to increase or decrease the speed limits prescribed by state law; and

WHEREAS, when a local authority determines on the basis of an engineering and speed survey that a speed limit would facilitate the orderly movement of vehicular traffic and would be reasonable and safe, the local authority may by ordinance determine and declare a prima facie speed limit for that roadway; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bell Gardens ("City") last updated the citywide Supplemental Speed Survey in 2015 in accordance with the California Vehicle Code; and

WHEREAS, the City conducted the 2015 Supplemental Speed Survey, and the results were compiled in the report dated October 12, 2015, and filed with the City Clerk and which is incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, the findings of that report support the City's current posted speed limits at 26 locations that were part of the survey; and

WHEREAS, on June 8, 2020, the City recertified the 2015 Supplemental Speed Survey, extending the report to October 2025, pursuant to then-existing California Vehicle Code Section 40802(c)(2)(B)(II); and

WHEREAS, the City's Traffic Engineer inspected the 26 segments and certifies that no significant changes in the roadway and traffic conditions have occurred per California Vehicle Code section 40802(c)(2)(B)(II); and

WHEREAS, the passage of Assembly Bill ("AB") 43 authorizes the City to recertify and extend the 2015 Supplemental Speed Survey report for an additional four (4) years, for a total of fourteen (14) years; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to AB 43 and California Code section 40802(c)(2)(B)(II), the City may recertify and extend the 2015 Supplemental Speed Survey through October 12, 2029.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELL GARDENS DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and incorporated into this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 40802(c)(2)(B)(II), as amended by Assembly Bill 43, the City Council hereby recertifies and extends the validity of the 2015 Citywide Supplemental Speed Survey, as no significant changes in the roadway and traffic conditions have occurred. This recertification shall remain in effect through October 12, 2029.

SECTION 3. Section 13.08.020 (Citywide speed survey) of Chapter 13.08 (Speed Limits) of Title 13 (Vehicles and Traffic) of the Bell Gardens Municipal Code, adopted on November 9, 2015, is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

13.08.020 Citywide speed survey.

This chapter is adopted in its current form as supported by the 2015 Supplemental Speed Survey report in accordance with the California Vehicle Code. Pursuant to the California Vehicle Code, including Section 40802(c)(2)(B)(II) as amended by Assembly Bill 43, the 2015 Supplemental Speed Survey is hereby recertified and shall remain valid through October 12, 2029.

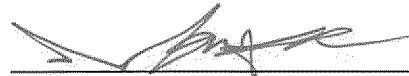
SECTION 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the invalidity of the remaining portion of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions might subsequently be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance, causing it to be posted as required by law, and it shall be effective thirty (30) days after its adoption.

[Signatures on the following page]

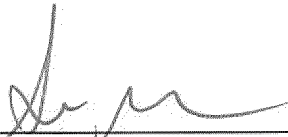
PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 10th day of November, 2025.

THE CITY OF BELL GARDENS



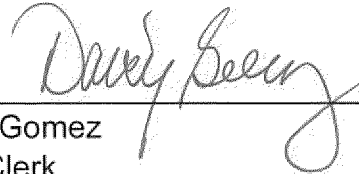
Marco Barcena, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Stephanie Vasquez
City Attorney

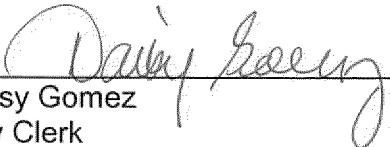
ATTEST:



Daisy Gomez
City Clerk

I, Daisy Gomez, City Clerk of the City of Bell Gardens, hereby CERTIFY that **Ordinance No. 960** was introduced and placed upon its first reading at a regular meeting of the Bell Gardens City Council held on October 27, 2025, and that thereafter said ordinance was duly adopted at a **regular** meeting of the Bell Gardens City Council held on November 10, 2025, and was approved and passed by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Chavez, Guillen, Sanchez; Mayor Pro Tem De La Rosa;
Mayor Chavez
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None



Daisy Gomez
City Clerk