

MEMORANDUM

To: All Meadows-Ferndale HOA (MFHOA) Owners and Residents
From: MFHOA Board of Directors
Date: August 13, 2021
Subject: SPEED MONITORING DEVICES – CANCELLATION OF PROJECT

As previously reported in our newsletters, the HOA Board has been developing a plan to install speed monitors on Monument Drive as a way of improving the safety and well-being of our owners and residents. Unfortunately, that project has been cancelled. Based on our dialog with the City of Ferndale (COF), we cannot install speed monitoring devices – for the following reasons:

1. Traffic safety and monitoring on public streets are the responsibility of the City of Ferndale (COF) – not the HOA. We have no jurisdictional authority in these matters.
2. Our streets (except for Rossie and Josie) are public streets.
3. Speed monitors are not allowed on private property. The COF advises that this would be a “violation of a state statute”.
4. If installed, the monitors would have to be on COF property, most likely in the planting strips – but the COF will not fund such an effort without compelling evidence that there is a clear and present danger to public safety.
5. At our request, the Ferndale Police Department (FPD) has assessed traffic safety in our community and determined that we do not have a problem. The assessment revealed some speeding, but no systemic problem.
6. The COF advises that permanently located speed monitoring and alert (flashing lights) devices offer only temporary relief from speeding. Drivers quickly get accustomed to them, then simply ignore them. They suggest that an equally effective and less costly approach is to periodically request a speed monitoring trailer from the FPD on an “as needed” basis (i.e., if there is an apparent spike in speeding). Typically, they will leave it for a week, download the data, and provide a report of findings.

Having been left with no options by COF and state laws, our Speed Monitoring project has been cancelled. We will, however, continue to be vigilant for problems and will request FPD and/or COF assistance, including the FPD speed monitoring trailers, when and where needed. And finally, please call 911 if you see a hazardous situation or behavior that needs immediate attention.

Board of Directors

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