

## Memorandum #09-61

*To: Doug Russell, City Manager*  
*From: Bradley Moser, Civil Engineer*  
*Date: March 18, 2009*  
*Subject: Speed Limit Recommendation on 21<sup>st</sup> Street from 500' West of Summit Street to West City Limits Road.*

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Attached is Resolution No. 09-16 which if approved would extend an existing 30 mile per hour (mph) speed zone on 21<sup>st</sup> Street from 500' west of Summit Street to WCLR. The current speed limit for the area under consideration is 45 mph.

Speed counts were taken for this area by the City of Yankton Police Department and an engineering speed study was conducted by Public Services. A summary of the findings are as follows:

- The average speed for traffic was below the posted 45 mph speed limit without taking into consideration vehicles utilizing the intersections.
- People are currently driving this area as a 35-40 mph zone.
- Traffic exiting off or entering onto 21<sup>st</sup> Street, especially during peak traffic, can cause the east-west bound traffic to slow down. There are a substantial number of vehicles that utilize the Kellen Gross Drive intersection so this is a consideration.

There have not been any significant traffic problems identified at this location. The traffic patterns and local conditions have changed since the original establishment of the speed limits. To reflect how drivers are negotiating the area it is recommended that the existing 45 mph zone be reduced down to a 30 mph speed limit zone from 500' west of Summit Street to WCLR.

Respectfully submitted,



Bradley Moser  
Civil Engineer

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Commission approve Resolution No. 09-16 which would reduce the existing 45 mph speed limit zone down to a 30 mph speed limit zone on 21<sup>st</sup> Street from 500' west of Summit Street to WCLR.

I concur with this recommendation.

I do not concur with this recommendation.



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Doug Russell, City Manager

cc: Kevin Kuhl PE

## **RESOLUTION 09-16**

### **A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 86-4**

WHEREAS, the Board of City Commissioners is authorized, by SDCL 9-31-3, to establish the speed at which motor vehicles may travel upon any street in the City, and

WHEREAS, the City of Yankton has reviewed the various speed regulations on Twenty-first Street from 500' west of Summit to West City Limits Road and have determined, and are making a recommendation to the Board of City Commissioners to reestablish the speed limit regulations on the above listed street.

WHEREAS, the Board of City Commissioners has determined that this is an appropriate speed for the traffic on this street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED;

That no person shall drive a motor vehicle upon any highway or street in the City of Yankton at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions then existing, or any speed in excess of the designated speed on the designated streets as hereinafter provided and that Resolution No. 86-4 is hereby modified and expanded related to the speed limit designation for Twenty-first Street as follows:

- 30 miles per hour will be the speed limit designation for 21<sup>st</sup> (Twenty-first) Street from 500' west of Summit Street to West City Limits Road.

Adopted:

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Dan Specht  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Al Viereck  
Finance Officer