1	ORDINANCE NO 2022-06
2	AN ORDINANCE OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL AMENDING
3	SECTION 9-1.3 OF THE ALBANY MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING A 20 MILES PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT ALONG THE SOLANO AVENUE
4 5	BUSINESS ACTIVITY DISTRICT
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7	WHEREAS, Goal 1 Objective 3 of the Albany City Council Strategic Plan for July 1
8	2021 – December 2022 is to Promote Active Transportation & Safety; and
9	WHEREAS, Solano Avenue is one of the highest injury roadways in Albany for both
10	bicyclists and pedestrians; and
11	WHEREAS, crash studies have documented that risk of injury and death during a motor
12	vehicle collision are significantly reduced at vehicle speeds of 20mph, particularly when
13	vulnerable roadway users are involved; and
14	WHEREAS, Solano Avenue is a key retail corridor with high volumes of pedestrians;
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17	WHEREAS, California Assembly Bill 43 (Friedman) was signed into law by the
18	Governor and went into effect on January 1, 2022 and provides cities with additional flexibility
	to reduce speed limits; and
19	WHEREAS, the City Council is authorized to modify speed limits on City streets
20	using California Vehicle Code (CVC) 22358.9; and
21	WHEREAS, City staff have identified Solano Avenue, between Madison Street and the
22	eastern city limits at Tulare Avenue as meeting the criteria for speed limit reductions under
23	CVC 22358.9 as a business activity district; and
24	WHEREAS, The Albany Transportation Commission recommended that City Council
25	approve reducing the speed limit from 25 miles per hour to 20 miles per hour on Solano Avenue
26	between Madison Street and Tulare Avenue at its meeting on February 24, 2022; and
27	WHEREAS Albany City Council finds that the proposed speed limit change for
	WHEREAS, Albany City Council finds that the proposed speed limit change for Solano Avenue is maintenance and operation of an existing street and categorically exempt
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from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of
Regulations Section 15301.
NOW, THEREFORE, THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL ORDAINS AS
FOLLOWS:
SECTION 1: CHAPTER 9 OF THE ALBANY MUNICIPAL CODE, SECTION
1.3 TITLED "DECREASE OF SPEED LIMITS ON SOLANO AND WASHINGTON
AVENUES." IS HEREBY AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:
9-1.3 Decrease of Speed Limits on Solano and Washington Avenues.
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a. That the maximum speed limit on Solano Avenue between Fillmore Street and Cerrito Street shall be fifteen (15) miles per hour, and the maximum speed limit on
Washington from a point two hundred and seventy (270') feet easterly of Pierce Street, being opposite the westerly property line of 818 Washington Avenue, to one
hundred thirty-five (135') feet westerly of Polk Street, being opposite the westerly property line of 851 Washington Avenue, is hereby fixed at fifteen (15) miles per
hour.
b. That the maximum speed limit on Solano Avenue between Madison Street and Tulare Avenue shall be twenty (20) miles per hour.
SECTION 2: PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.
This ordinance shall be posted at three public places within the City of Albany and shall
become effective thirty days after the date of its posting.
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Albany at its meeting on
the day of 2022, by the following vote:
AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:
PRESTON JORDAN, MAYOR