

ORDINANCE NO. 379

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE REPEALING
ORDINANCE NO. 348 AND AMENDING THE
LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE MUNICIPAL CODE ADOPTING
PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS FOR CERTAIN STREETS

WHEREAS, Section 40802 (b) of the California Vehicle Code (CVC) states that speed limits for streets, other than a local street, must be justified by an Engineering and Traffic Survey conducted less than five, seven or ten years with conditions, prior to enforcement of that speed limit, if it is to be enforced by the use of radar; and,

WHEREAS, the most recent Engineering and Traffic Survey was last completed in February 1999, with three street segments updated in 2003; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of La Cañada Flintridge is desirous of ensuring that traffic speeds throughout the community are kept at a safe level given the conditions that exist on certain streets; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of La Cañada Flintridge is desirous of maintaining the use of radar for speed enforcement on these certain streets; and,

WHEREAS, the Ordinance establishing speed limits must be amended if any changes in speed limits are to be established following the completion of the Engineering and Traffic Survey; and,

WHEREAS, the California Manual of Traffic Control Devices describes the policy to be used in the State of California for setting speed limits, which requires that the posted speed be established at the nearest 10km/h (5mph) increment of the 85th-percentile speed of free-flowing traffic; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of La Cañada Flintridge recognizes that the California Manual of Traffic Control Devices also allows the posted speed limit to be reduced by 10km/h (5mph) from the nearest 10km/h (5mph) increment of the 85th-percentile speed, in compliance with CVC Sections 627 and 22358.5, if the Engineering and Traffic Survey documents the special conditions and justification for the lower speed limit and is approved by a registered Civil or Traffic Engineer; and,

WHEREAS, the enforcement of speed limits by the use of radar is necessary in order to protect the safety of the residents of the City of La Cañada Flintridge;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of La Cañada Flintridge ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Ordinance No. 348, adopted on January 20, 2004, replacing Sections 4.04.030 and 4.04.035 to the La Cañada Flintridge Municipal Code, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. Section 4.04.030 of the La Cañada Flintridge Municipal Code is hereby repealed and replaced with the following:

4.04.030 Prima Facie Speed Limit

The adopted prima facie speed limit for the streets hereinafter set forth shall be as designated:

	<u>85th % Percentile (mph)</u>	<u>Adopted Prima Facie (mph)</u>
Alta Canyonada Rd. (El Vago to 225' s/o Louise)	30.7	25*
Alta Canyonada Rd. (225' s/o Louise to Foothill)	32.5	25*
Alta Canyonada Rd. (Foothill to Verdugo)	35.9	30*
Berkshire Ave. (Chevy Chase to Commonwealth)	34.3	30*
Berkshire Ave. (Commonwealth to Woodleigh)	27.7	30
Berkshire Ave. (Woodleigh to Berkshire Pl.)	34.4	30*
Berkshire Ave. (Berkshire Pl. to Highland)	36.5	30*
Berkshire Pl. (Berkshire Ave. to I-210 SB Ramps)	30.0	25*
Berkshire Pl. (I-210 SB Ramps to Oak Grove Dr.)	35.4	30*
Beulah Dr. (Foothill to Berkshire Ave.)	34.4	30*
Castle Rd. (Ocean View to Cross)	35.4	30*
Castle Rd. (Cross to Foothill)	34.9	30*
Chevy Chase Dr. (Foothill to Descanso)	35.7	30*
Chevy Chase Dr. (Descanso to Berkshire Ave.)	30.8	30
Chevy Chase Dr. (Berkshire to Highland)	33.8	30*
Chevy Chase Dr. (Highland to So. City Limit)	30.0	30
Commonwealth Ave. (Lynhaven to Foothill)	32.5	25*
Commonwealth Ave. (Foothill to Berkshire Ave.)	32.3	25*
Commonwealth Ave. (Berkshire Ave. to Flintridge)	32.5	25*
Cornishon Ave. (Foothill to Descanso)	36.6	30*
Corona Dr. (Highland to Inverness)	25.0	25
Cross St. (Ocean View to Castle Rd. N)	30.9	30
Crown Ave. (Starlight Crest to Santa Inez)	34.1	30*
Crown Ave. (Santa Inez to Baptiste)	37.5	30*
Crown Ave. (Baptiste to Foothill)	34.7	30*
Descanso Dr. (Verdugo to Chevy Chase)	39.8	35*
El Vago St. (Alta Canyonada to La Cañada Blvd.)	39.0	35*
Fairmount Ave. (Palm to Alta Canyonada)	30.3	25*
Foothill Blvd. (West City Limit to Ocean View)	37.2	35
Foothill Blvd. (Ocean View to Hillard)	40.5	35*
Foothill Blvd. (Hillard to Alta Canyonada)	37.6	35*
Foothill Blvd. (Alta Canyonada to Angeles Crest Hwy.)	28.0	30
Foothill Blvd. (Angeles Crest to Hampton)	38.1	30
Foothill Blvd. (Hampton to Oak Grove)	31.5	30
Flintridge Ave. (Chevy Chase to Highland)	33.0	30*
Georgian Rd. (Commonwealth to Woodleigh)	30.8	25*
Georgian Rd. (Woodleigh to Foothill)	29.9	25*
Gould Ave. (Paulette to Knight)	33.3	30*
Gould Ave. (Knight to Houseman)	34.9	30*
Gould Ave. NB (Houseman to Foothill)	37.3	30*
Green Ln. (Angeles Crest Hwy to Princess Anne)	26.4	25
Greenridge Dr. (Angeles Crest to Starlight Crest)	33.1	30*
Hampton Rd. (Santa Inez to Foothill)	31.9	25*
Highland Dr. (Chevy Chase to Berkshire Ave.)	34.1	30*
Highland Dr. (Berkshire Ave. to East City Limit)	39.5	35*

Hillard Ave. (Fairmont to La Taza)	29.0	25*
Hillard Ave. (La Taza to Foothill)	25.3	25
Inverness Dr. (Corona to St. Katherine)	24.8	25
Jessen Dr. (Los Amigos to Palm Dr)	24.6	25
Knight Way (Oakwood to Gould)	29.5	25*
Knight Way (Gould to Crown)	30.6	25*
La Cañada Blvd. (El Vago to Olive)	37.1	30*
La Cañada Blvd. (Olive to Fairview)	34.5	30*
La Cañada Blvd. (Fairview to Foothill)	30.8	25*
La Granada Wy. (West City Limit to Foothill)	39.1	35*
Los Amigos St. (Castle Rd. to Jessen Dr.)	29.7	25*
Lynhaven Ln. (Princess Anne to Oakwood)	31.8	25*
Oak Grove Dr. (JPL to Foothill)	41.0	35*
Oak Grove Dr. (Foothill to Berkshire Pl.)	37.0	35
Oakwood Ave. (Lynhaven to Knight)	32.6	30*
Oakwood Ave. (Knight to Foothill)	36.0	35
Oakwood Ave. (Foothill to Georgian)	30.0	25*
Oakwood Ave. (Georgian to Berkshire Ave.)	29.8	25*
Ocean View Blvd. (Highrim to Castle)	33.9	30*
Ocean View Blvd. (Castle to 1280' n/o Cross)	35.8	30*
Ocean View Blvd. (1280' n/o Cross to Cross)	31.3	30
Ocean View Blvd. (Cross to Foothill)	36.2	30*
Olive Ln. (Alta Canyonada to La Cañada Blvd.)	33.2	30*
Olive Ln. (La Cañada Blvd. to Angeles Crest)	37.8	30*
Palm Dr. (Fairmont to Foothill)	32.2	25*
Princess Anne Rd. (Green to Lynhaven)	32.2	25*
St. Katherine Dr. (Figueroa to Wendover)	19.5	25
St. Katherine Dr. (Wendover to Palmerstone)	21.3	25
St. Katherine Dr. (Palmerstone to Inverness)	32.1	25*
Starlight Crest Dr. (Angeles Crest to Godbey)	37.5	35*
Starlight Crest Dr. (Godbey to Crown)	35.3	30*
Verdugo Blvd. (West City Limit to Alta Canyonada)	38.8	35*
Verdugo Blvd. (Alta Canyonada to Foothill)	34.5	35
Vista Del Valle Rd. (La Cañada Blvd. to ACH)	34.3	30*
Woodleigh Ln. (Foothill to Georgian)	30.9	30
Woodleigh Ln. (Georgian to Berkshire Ave.)	31.3	30
Woodleigh Ln. (Berkshire Ave. to Flintridge)	33.9	30*

All prima facie speeds identified above with an asterisk (*) have been lowered five (5) miles per hour from the nearest 10km/h (5mph) increment of the 85th-percentile speed based on findings made by the Registered Engineer that conditions exist on the roadway, not readily apparent to drivers, that warrant such a reduction in the prima facie speed. Specific findings for each street segment are identified in "2009 Engineering and Traffic Survey to Establish Speed Limits" report, dated April 2009, containing the findings and determinations of the Registered Engineer, incorporated herein and on file in the office of the City Clerk.

SECTION 3. Section 4.04.035 of the La Cañada Flintridge Municipal Code is hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. Provisions of the California Vehicle Code require that actions increasing or decreasing the prima facie speed limit be by ordinance, thus, it is for this reason that this Ordinance is adopted.

SECTION 5. The "2009 Engineering and Traffic Survey to Establish Speed Limits" report, dated July 2009, containing the findings and determinations of the Registered Engineer, incorporated herein and on file in the Office of the City Clerk, shall be the official Engineering and Traffic Survey of the City, a certified copy of which shall be disseminated to the County of Los Angeles Municipal and Superior Courts.

SECTION 6. If any section, subsection, sentence, phrase, portion or part of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it intends and desires that the remaining parts of this Ordinance continue to be effective without any parts that have been declared invalid.


SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its final passage and within fifteen (15) days after its passage, the City Clerk shall cause it to be published in the La Cañada Valley Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of La Cañada Flintridge and hereby designated for that purpose.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 3RD DAY OF AUGUST, 2009.



Laura Olhasso, Mayor

ATTEST:

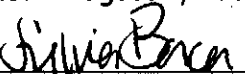


Sylvia Baca, City Clerk

I, Sylvia Baca, City Clerk of the City of La Cañada Flintridge, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Ordinance No. 379 was introduced for first reading on July 20, 2009. Thereafter, said Ordinance was duly approved and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on August 3, 2009 by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: BROWN, SPENCE, VOSS, OLHASSO
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: DEL GUERCIO
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE

Dated: August 4, 2009



Sylvia Baca, City Clerk