CITY OF PACIFIC,  
WASHINGTON  

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-1900  

AN ORDINANCE OF CITY OF PACIFIC, WASHINGTON,  
ALTERING THE SPEED LIMIT ON FRONTAGE ROAD  
BETWEEN ELLINGSON ROAD AND 3RD AVENUE S.W. FROM  
35 MPH TO 30 MPH.  

WHEREAS, the speed limit on Frontage Road was established at 35 miles per  
hour in 1974 by Ordinance No. 535; and  

WHEREAS, the City Council directed the lowering of the speed limit on  
Frontage Road from 35 to 25 MPH in the spring of 2014 in response to a land slide that  
blocked West Valley Highway and required the rerouting of traffic onto Frontage Road  
during slide mitigation; and  

WHEREAS, the emergency conditions that prompted the lowering of the speed  
limit on Frontage Road are no longer present; and  

WHEREAS, the City Council has expressed its continuing interest in  
maintaining a lower speed limit on Frontage Road; and  

WHEREAS, Frontage Road is classified as a minor arterial street; and  

WHEREAS, the alteration of speed limits pursuant to RCW 46.415.16 for  
arterial streets require an engineering and traffic investigation; and  

WHEREAS, City staff selected Transpo Group from the Municipal Research  
Services Center consultant roster as the most qualified transportation engineering firm  
to conduct an engineering and traffic study; and  

WHEREAS, the results of the Transpo Group’s engineering and investigation  
recommended that the speed limit on Frontage Road be set at 30 MPH; and  

WHEREAS, adopted City policy (Resolution 2014-215) requires that the  
findings of an engineering and traffic investigation pertaining to alteration of a speed  
limit be discussed with the Public Works Committee; and  

WHEREAS, the Transpo Group’s speed limit alteration recommendation for  
Frontage Road was discussed with the Public Works Committee on June 3, 2015;
WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee affirmed the recommended speed limit alteration on Frontage Road; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on June 22, 2015, to take public testimony on the proposed speed limit alteration; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFIC, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Setting Maximum Speed Limit. The maximum speed limit on Frontage Road between Ellingson Road and 3rd Avenue S.E. is set at 30 MPH.

Section 2. Effective Date and Publication. A summary of this Ordinance consisting of its title shall be published in the official newspaper of the City. This Ordinance shall be in effect five (5) days after publication.

Section 3. Sunset Date. This Ordinance will remain in effect until such time as a future engineering and traffic investigation recommends an alteration of the established speed limit and is approved by City Council.

APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON JUNE 22, 2015.

LEANNE GUIER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

AMY STEVENSON-NESS, CITY CLERK

Approved as to form:

JAMES KELLY, ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY