

MUSCATINE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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TO: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator

FROM: Phil Sargent, Assistant Chief of Police

SUBJECT: City Council Agenda Item for November 4, 2010 – Speed Change on Park Ave

DATE: October 28, 2010

INTRODUCTION:

The Iowa Department of Transportation will be raising the speed limit on Park Ave from the start of the divided roadway in front of the Muskie Motel to US Hwy 61. The speed limit will be changed from 30 mph to 35 mph. This change will take place within the next 30 days.

The speed limit on other parts of Park Avenue will not be affected by this change.

BACKGROUND:

In July of this year the City conducted speed surveys as part of the Automated Traffic Enforcement project. The speed survey conducted on Park Ave at the intersection with Cleveland showed that 85% of the driving public was traveling at 35 mph. The IDOT uses the 85th percentile as a benchmark for what the speed limit should be on a roadway barring other issues or concerns.

On October 26, 2010 the IDOT met with staff from the Police Department and the City Administrator. We didn't have any reservations about the speed limit change.

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

This information is being provided as information. There isn't any action required on the part of the City Council.