

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: NAME CHANGE AND SPEED LIMIT ON GRANT (HYDE) AVENUE

BACKGROUND:

As part of a developer's agreement between the City of Ames and the landowners in the North Growth Area, the gravel section of Grant Avenue from the northern limits of the Bloomington Heights subdivision to 190th Street was paved (see attached). The street was designed for a posted speed limit of 35 MPH based upon several factors including safety, access, and topography. Grant Avenue was under the jurisdiction of Story County, thus there is not a City ordinance setting the speed limit along Grant Avenue (defaults to State of Iowa statutory speed limits). The speed limit will remain at 25 MPH through Bloomington Heights to the Bloomington Road intersection.

Now that the paving is complete, the long-term maintenances of the street will be taken over by the City of Ames. In doing so, the street will be incorporated into the City's greater street network, thereby becoming an extension of Hyde Avenue. Therefore, an ordinance will be required to rename this portion of Grant Avenue to Hyde Avenue. This will promote consistent addressing and provide clarity for E911 response.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. A) Direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to change the name of Grant Avenue to Hyde Avenue from 190th Street south to where it turns into Hyde Avenue.

B) Direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to establish a 35 MPH speed limit on Grant (Hyde) Avenue from 190th Street to a point one mile south of 190th Street.
2. Direct staff to explore other alternatives

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By approving this ordinance the City will integrate Grant Avenue into the City's network and establish the appropriate operating speed along this newly paved section of Grant Avenue, thereby promoting safe and efficient travel in this area of Ames. The adjacent landowners are aware that the name of the road would be changed to Hyde Avenue and were informed regarding this proposed action before City Council.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as shown above.

Name / Speed Limit Change: Grant Avenue

