

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: NAME CHANGES AND SPEED LIMITS IN EAST INDUSTRIAL AREA**

**BACKGROUND:**

As part of the East Annexation area, these segments of Story County roads are now within the City limits of Ames and under the City's jurisdiction:

Lincoln Highway - Interstate 35 to 590<sup>th</sup> Avenue

566<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Lincoln Highway south approximately 2620'

580<sup>th</sup> Avenue – approximate 2660' south of Lincoln Highway to approximately 2590' north of Lincoln Highway (to the UPRR)

590<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Lincoln Highway to approximately 2180' north (to the UPRR)

**These sections of Lincoln Highway, 566<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 580<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and 590<sup>th</sup> Avenue per Iowa Code 321.285(3) currently have limit speeds of 55 MPH. Since these roadways were under the jurisdiction of Story County, there is not a City ordinance setting the speed limit along them. They will be appropriately modified for the developing industrial land use.**

**As a part of these streets being incorporated into the City's greater street network, the names will change to be in accordance with the City's Administrative Program for Street Naming and Addressing.** The street naming theme for this area is leading scientists. Therefore, an ordinance will be required to rename these street segments as follows (also see attached map):

- Lincoln Highway (I-35 – 590<sup>th</sup> Avenue) to East Lincoln Way
- 566<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Lincoln Highway – south) to Fleming Avenue
- 580<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Lincoln Highway – north) to Teller Avenue
- 580<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Lincoln Highway – south) to South Teller Avenue
- 590<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Lincoln Highway - north) to Potter 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 Lincoln Highway to East Lincoln Way (from Interstate 35 east to 590<sup>th</sup> Avenue) to East Lincoln Way; change the name of 566<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Fleming Avenue; change 580<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Teller Avenue and South Teller Avenue; change 590<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Potter Avenue.

- b) Direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to establish a 55 MPH speed limit on East Lincoln Way (Lincoln Highway) from Interstate 35 east to the east corporate limits; establish a 45 MPH speed limit on Fleming Avenue (566<sup>th</sup> Avenue); establish a 55 MPH speed limit on Teller Avenue and South Teller Avenue (580<sup>th</sup> Avenue); establish a 55 MPH speed limit on Potter Avenue (590<sup>th</sup> Avenue).

- 2. Direct staff to explore other alternatives to the street naming and speed limits.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

By approving this ordinance, the City will integrate East Industrial area roads into the City's network and establish the appropriate operating speeds, thereby promoting safe and efficient travel in this area of Ames. The adjacent landowners are aware their address will be changed in accordance with the City's addressing grid for E911 purposes and have been informed about this proposed action by City Council.

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

# Proposed Streets Name for the East Annexation Area

