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CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

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City Manager  
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Mr. Schinker:

I am writing to formally request a traffic study be done or the speed limit be reduced on the section of Stange Road from Harrison Road to Weston Road. These streets are the west boundary streets for Northridge Heights Park.

I visited with you by telephone several months ago during which time I expressed concern about the rate of speed and lack of caution that vehicles travel on the above boundary streets. Prior to contacting you about my concerns I talked to persons representing the City of Ames Transportation Department, Parks and Recreation, and Police Department.

The posted speed limit along Stange north of Bloomington Rd is 35mph with no slower speed posted prior to the park. Within three days of the phone conversation I had with you, city crews posted a 35mph speed limit sign north of Harrison Road by the Northridge Heights Park sign for cars traveling south.

I was disheartened after we talked especially when the "new" sign went up and because of the steps needed to evaluate speeds being traveled next to a neighborhood park.

You told me I needed to write a letter and formally request action by the city council to request/approve a traffic study. I thought you would listen to a citizen concerns, have your staff gather facts and determine need(s), if any, without letters and adding an agenda item for the City Council; it seems like a lot of "red tape" for a simple request.

That said, I am asking that a 25mph speed limit be set for Harrison Road to Weston Road to slow traffic for Northridge Heights Park which is a heavily used park by young and old alike.

If you need additional information, I have included my contact information.

Sincerely,



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CC Mayor Haila, City Councilman Gartin, Northridge Heights POA President Adam Rash