

**TO:** Mayor Althoff and City Council

**FROM:** Jeffrey L. McCormick, Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** Resolution Declaring an Urban District

**DATE:** July 1, 2021

**BACKGROUND**

The issue of the speed limit on County Road 17 came before the City Council in the past including a request for a speed study in 2018. But the outcome of December 2018 speed study, was an allowable reduction of 5 MPH in the current speed (lowered to 50 MPH). The results of that study showed a very low vehicle count. The problem is that that roadway sees significant vehicle traffic during the May to October timeframe and does not consider the increase number of adults and children on foot or bicycles sharing the roadway with motor vehicles housing development that has increased with more families living there.

While I am appreciative that MN DOT was willing to reduce the speed, the amount allowed does not meet what I believe is needed given the amount of summer traffic combined with bicycle and walking use by children and adults. I have worked with Jess Greenwood with Goodhue County Highway on this issue and he suggested that the City utilize declaring an urban district as allowed by Minnesota Statute 169.14, Subd. 5b. Declaring an urban district lowers the speed limit to 30 mph under Minnesota State Statute.

I have worked with the City Attorney to identify the steps that needed to be followed by the City to determine if the roadway would be eligible for that designation. It has been determined that the roadway does fit the elements required and a resolution has been prepared. If the resolution is approved, I will forward the signed resolution to Jess Greenwood so that the process to get new speed signs installed can begin.

**REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION**

Motion and approval of the attached Resolution declaring an urban district for Goodhue County Road 17 East between North 1st Street and Primrose Lane, within the City of Cannon Falls.

**CITY OF CANNON FALLS  
GOODHUE COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2555**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DECLARATION OF AN URBAN  
DISTRICT ON COUNTY ROAD 17 BETWEEN NORTH 1<sup>ST</sup> STREET AND  
PRIMROSE LANE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Cannon Falls is granted the authority under Minnesota Statute 169.14, Subd. 5b to declare an Urban district; and

**WHEREAS**, Urban district is defined as the territory contiguous to and including any city street or town road that is built up with structures devoted to business, industry, or dwelling houses situated at intervals of less than 100 feet for a distance of a quarter of a mile or more; and

**WHEREAS**, a quarter mile is 1320 feet; and

**WHEREAS**, the distance of County Road 17 between North 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Primrose Lane within the City of Cannon Falls is approximately 2811 feet; and

**WHEREAS**, that distance is greater than a quarter mile; and

**WHEREAS**, the territory contiguous to County Road 17 has dwelling houses situated at intervals of less than 100 feet; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Cannon Falls City Council declares that the portion of County Road 17 between North 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Primrose Lane within the City of Cannon Falls is an Urban district as provided by Minnesota Statute 169.14, Subd. 5b, and establishes on that segment the speed limit of 30 MPH as provided by Minnesota Statute 169.14, Subd. 2 (1).

**ADOPTED** by the City Council of Cannon Falls this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

**CITY OF CANNON FALLS**

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John O. Althoff  
Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Neil L. Jensen  
City Administrator