



## City of Sunny Isles Beach

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners

**VIA:** Stan Morris, City Manager.

**FROM:** Edward Santiago, Chief of Police.

**DATE:** September 18, 2025

**RE:** Approval of School Zone Speed Detection Systems Ordinance

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#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

#### **REASONS:**

As part of our ongoing commitment to pedestrian safety, the police department is taking proactive steps to protect students, parents, and staff traveling to and from Norman S. Edelcup K-8 School each school day.

To support these efforts, Speed Detection Systems will be implemented as an additional tool to help reduce speeding and improve public safety in school zones. These systems are designed to encourage safer driving behaviors and create a more secure environment for everyone in our community.

To address these safety concerns, State law requires that the City Commission adopt an Ordinance which will:

- Officially designate the School Zones as areas of elevated safety risk based on the findings of the *School Zone Speed Study* and supporting documentation;
- Authorize the installation and operation of Speed Detection Systems (SDS) within the School Zones;
- Establish procedures for issuing notices of violation for school zone speeding offenses, to be carried out by duly qualified traffic infraction enforcement officers in accordance with Section

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316.1896, Florida Statutes;

- Create a local hearing process through which a designated hearing officer will determine the validity of alleged school zone speeding violations.

The Police Department recommends the adoption of this ordinance to effectively achieve the goals outlined in this targeted public safety initiative. This ordinance represents a proactive step toward fostering a safer community and reinforcing our commitment to public safety.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

[Ordinance](#)