

**CITY OF DAVENPORT FACT SHEET
CITY COMMISSION**

DATE: April 13, 2026

TO: Vice-Mayor Jeremy Clark, Davenport City Commission

VIA: Kelly Callihan, City Manager

FROM: Steve Parker, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Public Hearing and Second and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 1446 designating specific locations for use of Traffic Infraction Detection Devices and School Zones Speed Limit Detection Systems.

BACKGROUND: The Davenport City Commission has approved on first reading an ordinance authorizing creation and operation of a traffic safety program. This program includes installation of speed detection systems in designed school zones and traffic infraction detectors at intersections to address a growing concern of dangerous traffic infractions in these areas.

Florida law, specifically Section 316.008 and Section 316.0083, Florida Statutes, authorizes municipalities to create such programs, and in doing so, requires the municipality to enact an ordinance outlining the installation location of a school zone speed detection system and traffic infraction detectors, consider traffic data and/or other evidence supporting the installation and operation, and make a finding that the proposed location constitutes a heightened safety risk that warrants additional enforcement.

Accordingly, the Police Department seeks to install and operate a Speed Zone Speed Limit Detection System in the school zone at Horizons Elementary School, 1700 Forest Lake Drive, and a Traffic Infraction Detection Device at the intersection of Hwy 17/92 and Bay Street.

The City Commission has previously established a finding that the school zone at Horizons Elementary School and the intersection of Bay Street and Highway 17/92 constitutes heightened safety risks, and passed Ordinance 1446 on first reading.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: There is no financial impact to the City.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve on second and final reading City Ordinance No. 1446.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Ordinance No. 1446, amending Chapter 11, Article VI, to designate specific locations for use of Traffic Infraction Detection Devices and School Zones Speed Limit Detection Systems.
- Survey Data

ORDINANCE NO. 1446

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DAVENPORT, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE DAVENPORT CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 11, "MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC," ARTICLE VI, "TRAFFIC INFRACTION DETECTION DEVICES AND SCHOOL ZONE SPEED LIMIT DETECTION SYSTEMS," TO DESIGNATE SPECIFIC LOCATIONS FOR THE USE OF TRAFFIC INFRACTION DETECTION DEVICES AND SCHOOL ZONE SPEED LIMIT DETECTION SYSTEMS; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY, PURPOSE AND INTENT; PROVIDING FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Davenport adopted Ordinance No. 1446, establishing Chapter 11, Article VI, authorizing the use of traffic infraction detectors and school zone speed limit detection systems; and

WHEREAS, Section 11-98 of the Davenport Code of Ordinances provides those locations for traffic infraction detection devices, including school zone speed limit detection systems, shall be established or updated by ordinance following review of traffic data or other evidence; and

WHEREAS, Sections 316.0083 and 316.1896, Florida Statutes, require that, prior to installation of a school zone speed limit detection system, the City Commission must determine that the subject school zone constitutes a heightened safety risk; and

WHEREAS, Horizons Elementary School, located at 1700 Forest Lake Drive, Davenport, Florida, experiences significant pedestrian and vehicular traffic during school arrival and dismissal periods, including students, parents, school staff, and school buses; and

WHEREAS, the intersection of Bay Street and Highway 17 / 92 experiences substantial vehicular traffic and presents a heightened risk for traffic violations and potential crashes; and

WHEREAS, the City has reviewed and considered, and will further consider at the public hearing for first reading, traffic data, speed studies, crash reports, and other competent evidence regarding traffic conditions at these locations; and

WHEREAS, based upon the evidence presented, the City Commission finds that the school zone at Horizons Elementary School and the intersection of Bay Street and Highway 17 / 92 constitute heightened safety risks and warrant the installation or placement of appropriate detection devices, including a school zone speed limit detection system at Horizons Elementary School and traffic infraction detection devices at the Bay Street and Highway 17 / 92 intersection; and

WHEREAS, the designation of these locations for installation of a school zone speed limit detection system and traffic infraction detection devices is necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DAVENPORT, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 11-98, ARTICLE VI, CHAPTER 11, CODE OF ORDINANCES. Section 11-98 of Chapter 11, Article VI, "Traffic Infraction Detection Devices and School Zone Speed Limit Detection Systems," is hereby amended to add and designate the following locations:

(a) School Zone Speed Limit Detection System Locations:

1. Horizons Elementary School – 1700 Forest Lake Drive, Davenport, Florida

(b) Traffic Infraction Detection Device Locations:

1. Intersection of Bay Street and Highway 17 / 92

All installations authorized herein shall comply with the operational, enforcement, and reporting requirements set forth in Chapter 11, Article VI, and Florida law.

SECTION 2. BUSINESS IMPACT ESTIMATE. Pursuant to Section 166.041(4), Florida Statutes, the City of Davenport is required to prepare a business impact estimate for certain proposed ordinances. This proposed ordinance designates specific locations for the use of traffic infraction detectors and school zone speed detection systems within the City in accordance with Chapter 316, Florida Statutes. Such traffic regulations (1) serve a public purpose by serving the public health, safety, morals, and welfare of the City, (2) have no direct negative economic impact on private, for-profit businesses in the City, as this Ordinance regulates traffic enforcement only and does not impose any operational or financial obligations on businesses, (3) will benefit all City residents by helping to ensure compliance with traffic laws and increasing safety in intersections and school zones, (4) will not result in direct compliance costs by businesses, (5) does not impose any new charge or fee on businesses for which businesses will be financially responsible but rather modifies the method of collection, and (6) does not create any additional municipal regulatory cost which is not recovered appropriately and lawfully by the City. Thus, it is estimated that neither residents nor any businesses will incur additional costs. The City does not seek to impose any additional user or regulatory fees or charges beyond those costs necessary to implement and administer traffic infraction detectors and school zone speed detection systems within the City, nor are any direct compliance costs expected. In fact, another source of authority for this Ordinance is the program established pursuant to Chapter 316, Florida Statutes, which sets guidelines for traffic safety and contemplates enforcement via local government ordinance. The Business Impact Estimate form for this Ordinance is on file with the City Clerk.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any provision or portion of this Ordinance is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be void, unconstitutional, or unenforceable, then all remaining provisions and portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full effect.

SECTION 4. CONFLICTS. Should any provision contained in this Ordinance conflict with any prior provision of the Code or any City ordinance, then the provisions of this Ordinance shall control to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 5. CODIFICATION. It is the intent of the Davenport City Commission that Section 1 of this Ordinance shall be codified in the City of Davenport Code of Ordinances. The sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered and the word “ordinance” may be changed to “chapter”, “section”, “article”, or such other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intentions. The correction of typographical and/or scrivener’s errors which do not affect the intent of this Ordinance may be authorized by the City Manager or their designee, without the need of public hearing, by filing a corrected or recodified copy of the same with the City Clerk.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance takes effect upon adoption at its second reading.

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INTRODUCED, PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED ON FIRST READING, by the City Commission of Davenport, Florida, meeting in Regular Session this 6th day of April 2026.

CITY OF DAVENPORT, FLORIDA

By: _____
Donna Fellows-Coffey, Mayor

Attest:

By: _____
Raquel Castillo, City Clerk

INTRODUCED, PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED ON SECOND READING, by the City Commission of the City of Davenport, Florida, meeting in Regular Session this 20th day of April, 2026.

CITY OF DAVENPORT, FLORIDA

By: _____
Donna Fellows-Coffey, Mayor

Attest:

By: _____
Raquel Castillo, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
Thomas A. Cloud, City Attorney



Business Impact Estimate

This form should be included in the agenda packet for the item under which the proposed ordinance is to be considered and must be posted on the City of Davenport's website by the time notice of the proposed ordinance is published.

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This Business Impact Estimate is provided in accordance with section 166.041(4), Florida Statutes. If one or more boxes are checked below, this means the City of Davenport is of the view that a business impact estimate is not required by state law¹ for the proposed ordinance, but the City of Davenport is, nevertheless, providing this Business Impact Estimate as a courtesy and to avoid any procedural issues that could impact the enactment of the proposed ordinance. This Business Impact Estimate may be revised following its initial posting.

- The proposed ordinance is required for compliance with Federal or State law or regulation;
- The proposed ordinance relates to the issuance or refinancing of debt;
- The proposed ordinance relates to the adoption of budgets or budget amendments, including revenue sources necessary to fund the budget;
- The proposed ordinance is required to implement a contract or an agreement, including, but not limited to, any Federal, State, local, or private grant or other financial assistance accepted by the municipal government;
- The proposed ordinance is an emergency ordinance;
- The ordinance relates to procurement; or
- The proposed ordinance is enacted to implement the following:

¹ See Section 166.041(4)(c), Florida Statutes.