

**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE MEMORANDUM**  
**#11-2023**

**DATE:** March 20, 2023  
**TO:** Honorable Mayor Meredith Leighty and City Council Members  
**FROM:** Heather Geyer, City Manager *hmg*  
**SUBJECT:** CR-49 – Designation of Safety Sensitive Zones

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**PURPOSE**

To consider CR-49, a resolution designating safety sensitive zones in the City.

**BACKGROUND**

City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1845 authorizing the creation of safety sensitive zones on Feb. 27, 2023. Section 7-1-15(c) of the ordinance requires safety sensitive zones to be designated by resolution. City Council provided consensus to move forward with designating four safety sensitive zones at the March 13 Council meeting. The zone locations are included in Attachment 1.

**Safety Sensitive Zones**

Ordinance No. 1845 addresses certain areas of the City that pose a public safety risk based on the combination of high traffic volume and/or dangerous speeds with pedestrian traffic. The ordinance provides a tool to address these safety concerns. The ordinance implements a system of mandatory enhanced penalties for traffic citations and speeding violations, which include doubled fines on roadways designated as a safety sensitive zone. The fines are mandatory and not subject to a plea bargain.

Safety sensitive zones are intended to address traffic concerns on residential roadways. The program is designed to accomplish the following:

- Focus on changing motorist behavior – sends a strong message to violators that speeding will not be tolerated
- Enhance current Patrol Division/Traffic Unit enforcement efforts
- Financial deterrent for the motorist
- Provide a clear visible reminder that reducing speeding traffic is a priority of the City
- Average speed data before/after zone implemented with speed radar signs
- Shift in perception of residents (this could be anecdotal or measured through a survey tool sent to residents who live near a designated zone)

The identified zone locations are as follows:

- Ward 1 – Fox Run Parkway from roughly North Park to South Park (speeding, Connect Northglenn improvement not yet implemented)
- Ward 2 – Irma Drive from south of Fowler Drive to E. 115<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- Ward 3 – Community Center Drive from the SCL Health entrance to the Boondocks parking lot (cyclist/pedestrian interaction)
- Ward 4 – Melody Drive near Northglenn High School (used by students, existing traffic calming measures through Connect Northglenn)

### **BUDGET/TIME IMPLICATIONS**

The majority of costs associated with materials, i.e., signs for this proposed program, would be handled in-house with no additional funding required. The eight speed radar flasher signs (two signs for each zone) that read both speed and traffic volume are approximately \$10,000 for each zone. The \$40,000 needed for these signs is available in the CIP Traffic Calming budget.

The timeline for implementation of the program includes the following next steps:

- Program launch – June (three-month window of time needed)
  - Initial speed radar assessment
  - Installation of signs
  - Installation of speed radar signs
- Evaluation of the program after one year (June 2023 to June 2024)
  - Consideration of new zones

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends approval of CR-49.

### **STAFF REFERENCE**

If Council Members have any questions, please contact Heather Geyer, City Manager, at [hgeyer@northglenn.org](mailto:hgeyer@northglenn.org) or 303.450.8706.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

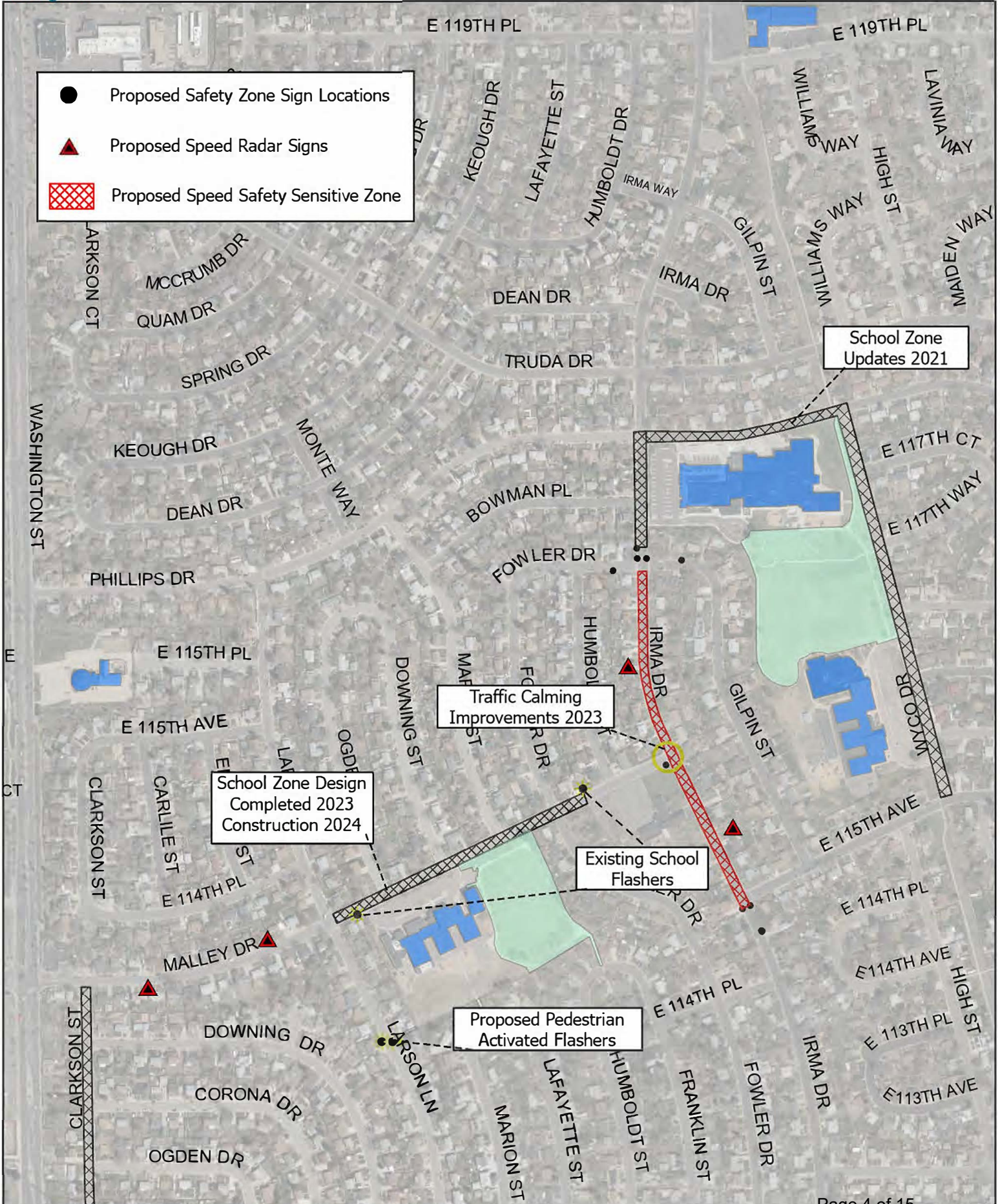
1. Designated Safety Sensitive Zone Maps by Ward
2. Presentation

# Ward 1



- Proposed Safety Zone Sign Locations
- ▲ Proposed Speed Radar Signs
- ▨ Proposed Speed Safety Sensitive Zone

# Ward 2



# Ward 3

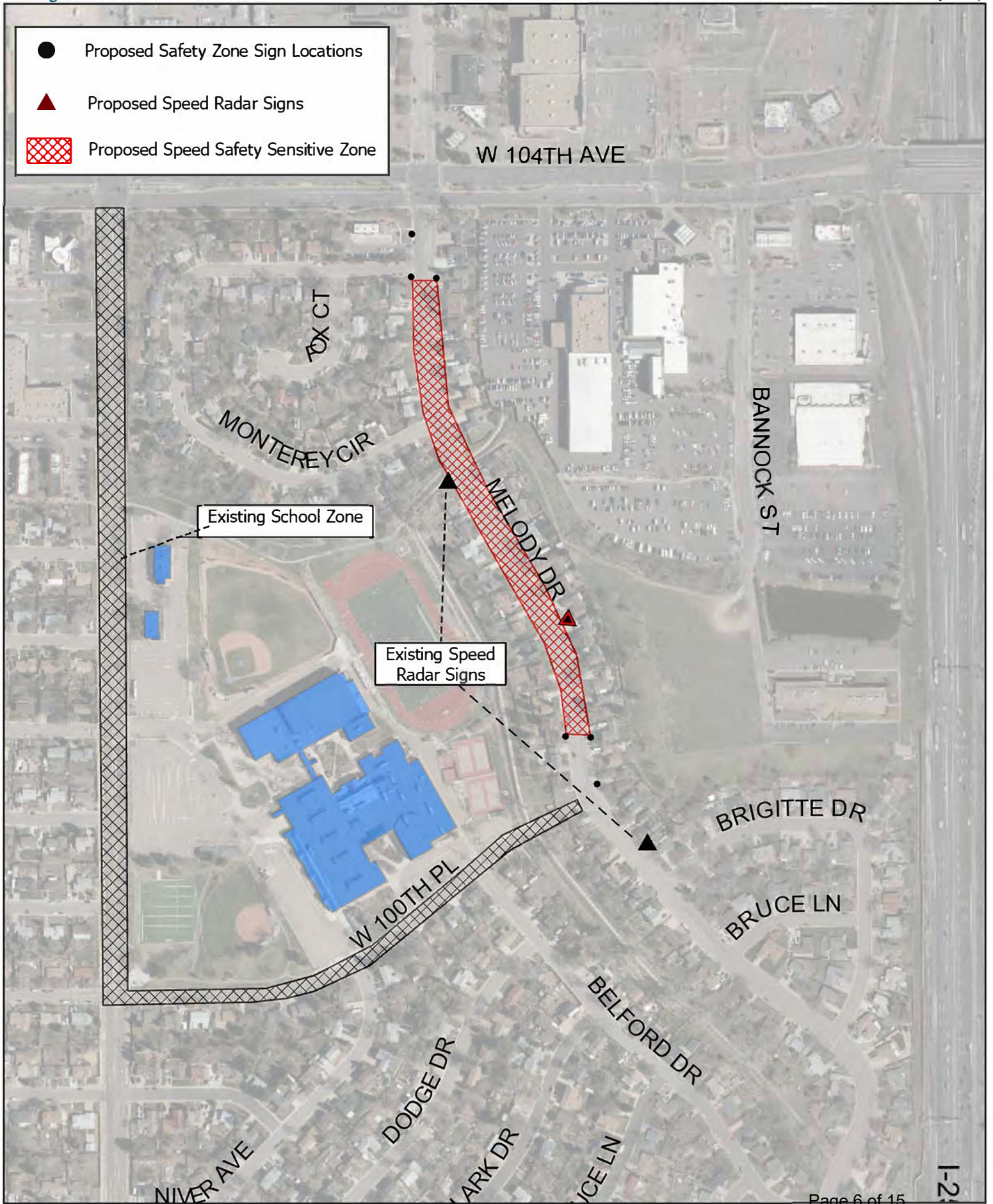
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# Ward 4



- Proposed Safety Zone Sign Locations
- ▲ Proposed Speed Radar Signs
- ▨ Proposed Speed Safety Sensitive Zone



# DESIGNATION OF SAFETY SENSITIVE ZONES

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**Special City Council  
Meeting**

*March 20, 2023*



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# ***PURPOSE***

**To consider CR- 49 – a resolution designating Safety Sensitive Zones in the City.**





# ***IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE***

- **Safety Sensitive Program Ordinance adopted on Feb. 27**
- **Designation of the Safety Sensitive Zones *under consideration***
- **Program launch – June (three-month window of time needed)**
  - Installation of signs
  - Installation of speed radar flashers
  - Initial speed radar assessment
- **Evaluation of the program one year (June 2023 to June 2024)**
  - Consideration of new zones



# ***RECOMMENDED ZONES MAP***

- **Recommended locations for designation:**
  - Ward 1 – Fox Run Parkway (speeding, Connect Northglenn improvement not yet implemented) *Council consensus received*
  - Ward 2 – Irma Drive (south of Fowler Drive to 115<sup>th</sup> Avenue) *Council consensus received*
  - Ward 3 – Community Center Drive (cyclist/pedestrian interaction) *Council consensus received*
  - Ward 4 – Melody Drive (used by students, existing traffic calming measures through Connect Northglenn) *Council consensus received* \*Speed data requested on Feb. 13



# SAFETY SENSITIVE ZONE SIGNAGE



# ***STAFF RECOMMENDATION***

**Recommending approval of CR-49.**



# QUESTIONS?



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COUNCIL MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO.

No. CR-49  
Series of 2023

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Series of 2023

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING SAFETY SENSITIVE ZONES WITHIN THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN PURSUANT TO NORTHGLENN MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 7-1-15

WHEREAS, City Council has determined that certain areas of the City constitute a public safety risk based on the combination of high traffic volume and/or dangerous speeds in combination with a concentrated amount of pedestrian traffic;

WHEREAS, City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1845 on February 27, 2023, which authorized the creation of safety sensitive zones and implemented a system of mandatory enhanced penalties for traffic violations in the safety sensitive zones to deter such violations and enhance the health, safety, and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7-1-15 of the Northglenn Municipal Code, City Council shall designate safety sensitive zones within the boundaries of the City of Northglenn by resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. Safety sensitive zones, as that term is used in Section 7-1-15 of the City of Northglenn Municipal Code, shall be designated as follows:

- a. Columbine Street, from the intersection of Columbine Street and E. 110<sup>th</sup> Drive to the intersection of Columbine Street and Fox Run Parkway, Fox Run Parkway, from the intersection of Columbine Street and Fox Run Parkway to the second intersection of Fox Run Parkway and Fox Run Circle, and Fox Run Circle, from the intersection of Fox Run Parkway and Fox Run Circle to the intersection of Fox Run Circle and Kimblewyck Circle.
- b. Irma Drive, from the intersection of Irma Drive and Fowler Drive to the intersection of Irma Drive and E. 115<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- c. Grant Street, from the intersection of Grant Street and the entrances to the properties located at 100 E. 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 11900 Grant Street to the intersection of Grant Street and Community Center Drive, and Community Center Drive, from the intersection of Community Center Drive and Grant Street to a point 230 feet north of the intersection of Community Center Drive and Malley Drive.

- d. Melody Drive, from the north intersection of Melody Drive and Monterey Circle to a point 200 feet north of the intersection of Melody Drive and W. 100<sup>th</sup> Place.

DATED, at Northglenn, Colorado, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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MEREDITH LEIGHTY  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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JOHANNA SMALL, CMC  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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COREY Y. HOFFMANN  
City Attorney