

ROLLING HILLS
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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VIA USPS & Electronic Mail

Joint Letter to Clay County Sheriff and Clay County Commissioner (District 5)

Re: Pedestrian and Vehicular Safety on County Roads in Rolling Hills

Dear Sheriff Daniels and Commissioner Hendry:

In my capacity as Vice Chairman and only resident member of the Rolling Hills Community Development District Board of Supervisors (the "District"), I am writing to you to request assistance in ensuring all reasonable steps are taken to improve safety and reduce risk for our residents and those visiting our community. I have been informed that posted speed limits previously approved by Clay County cannot be enforced by the Clay County Sheriff's Office. Specifically, in areas with a 20 MPH posted, I have been told enforcement is not possible because it falls below the threshold of 25 MPH. If this information is not accurate, my first request is for a firm enforcement of traffic laws on the county roads in Rolling Hills. The frequent incidents of speeding and resulting complaints by residents I represent require me to seek your assistance in fixing the problem as promptly as possible. In addition, I would appreciate the temporary placement of a mobile electronic speed limit trailer sign in key areas of county right of way to reinforce the need to obey posted speed limits. Also, if you have data showing speed limits are currently being enforced and citations have been issued at Rolling Hills, I would like to inform our residents of those efforts.

If the County approved and posted 20 MPH speed limit cannot be enforced, please assist me with taking the necessary steps to establish a uniform speed limit of 25 MPH on all county roads in Rolling Hills. In the Spring of 2017, the county engineer's office, in discussion with our district engineer, committed to assisting with this process. A key element of the process was to include an in-house traffic survey (at no cost to District) in the Fall of 2017, once children returned to school to ensure accurate traffic counts. Recently, I was informed that the County subsequently decided it would outsource the study with our community responsible for funding the study. Unfortunately, our community does not have funding available for this effort. However, since these are county roads and, due to the extent current speed limits are not enforceable which creates a safety problem, I hope you can help me find a common sense solution to the matter. In the meantime, I respectfully request the CCSO's enforcement of the

residential default speed limit of 30 MPH. If you can commit to that interim compromise, we can share this positive step with the residents of Rolling Hills.

I appreciate your attention to my request and thank you for your dedicated public service in the military, law enforcement and elected office. Please contact me at (904) 502-8292 or joseph-smith@omcast.net for any assistance I can provide to address this problem.

Sincerely,



Joseph Smith
Vice Chairman

Cc:

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