



Speeding

The top complaint in many cities across the nation is speeding.

- ▶ **Speeding** – No matter how many resources cities put toward speeding, it will more than likely always be the number one complaint.

Fact #1 | Laws are made to control people's behavior. Laws are only effective because most people are law abiding citizens of society.

Fact #2 | In many cases, motorists are not travelling as fast as perceived by a witness.

Fact #3 | Brownsville has five top roads that hear the most complaints about speeding and they are based on volume. The top five volume roads are, 1) OR 228/Bishop Way, 2) Main Street/Brownsville Road, 3) Depot Avenue/Seven Mile Lane, 4) Kirk Avenue, and 5) Washburn Street/Gap Road.

Fact #4 | People complain about speeding on collector streets all through town.

Fact #5 | Brownsville residents can contact the Linn County Sheriff's Office and request patrol by using the non-emergency number, 541.967.3911.

Realistically, what can be done about speeding?

- 1) **Signage:** Speed limits signs are posted. People breaking the law do not care about signs. People will still break the law regardless of signage.
- 2) **Enforcement:** The City contracts law enforcement through the Linn County Sheriff's Office. However, there are multiple roads people could be speeding on at any given moment, limited officer time spent on active traffic enforcement, and limited opportunity to catch people speeding. Council has encouraged aggressive enforcement of speeding for years. AND... no matter how much enforcement any city has people will still speed.

Brownsville's Equation | The City has a contract with the Sheriff's Office for 200 hours a month. The City's contract is over \$200,000 per year or one quarter of the entire General Fund for the City.

- There are approximately 730.08 hours in a month. The average month has 30.42 days and each day has 24 hours.
- The City requests 25 hours of active traffic patrol. The Sheriff's Office is also passively traffic patrolling too.




Result | Active patrol is about 3.4% of any given month. Even if all 200 hours were dedicated to writing tickets the percentage of time in a month would be 27.3%.

Speeding can happen at any given second in multiple locations all throughout town.

Solution | Severly limited results are to be expected. Council can encourage writing tickets to increase compliance with speed limits. Even still, people will break traffic laws.

People have to be mindful of their pets and teach their children to understand the dangers of the road.

One week of data collection by the Sheriff's Office showed that 99.8% of the vehicular traffic was travelling under 34 mph. Below is traffic data collected on Kirk Avenue in December 2021:

ALL TRAFFIC SOLUTIONS		Compliance & Risk Report					
		Brownsville, EB					
		Start: 2021-12-10 End: 2021-12-16 Times: 0:00-23:59			Medium Risk Threshold: Speed Limit + 10 High Risk Threshold: Speed Limit + 20 Speed Range: 1 to 150 Time View: By Hour (Total Volumes)		
Time	Speed Limit	Mode	Compliant	Low Risk	Medium Risk	High Risk	Total Num Vehicles
Total			11351	2011	18	0	13380
Percentages			84.8%	15%	.0013%	0	13380
			0-25 MPH	26-34 MPH	35-44 MPH		