

AGENDA



Thursday, May 3, 2007

Public Works

Item No. 17

RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Subject: Approve an ordinance amending Section 12-4-24 of the City Code to establish a maximum speed limit of 25 miles per hour on certain streets within an area bounded by Riata Trace Parkway/Riata Vista Circle to the north, Duval Road to the south, U.S. Highway 183 (Research Boulevard) to the west, and Dorsett Road to the east. The Angus Valley Area Neighborhood Association is included in this area.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$6,600 is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget of the Public Works Department for the installation of necessary signs.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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In 2005, the Legislature amended the Texas Transportation Code Section 545.356 to allow a city to set a speed limit lower than 30 miles per hour, but not less than 25 miles per hour, on a highway if:

- *The highway is not an officially designated or marked highway or road in the state highway system;
- *The highway is 35 feet or less in width;
- *Vehicular parking is not prohibited on one or both sides of the street; and
- *The highway has less than four lanes used for vehicular travel
- *And the Council finds that the previous prima facie speed limit is unreasonable or unsafe.

Texas Transportation Code Section 545.356 allows that the City Council may lower the speed limit along certain streets in the area bounded by Riata Trace Parkway/Riata Vista Circle to the north, Duval Road to the south, U.S. Highway 183 (Research Boulevard) to the west, and Dorsett Road to the east. Most of the streets within the area are eligible under state law for a 25-mile per hour speed limit. The exceptions are Black Angus Drive and West Cow Path from Duval Road to 795 feet north of Duval Road, West Cow Path from 100 feet south of Jessica Lane to the end of West Cow Path, and Whispering Valley Drive from 1050 feet north of Duval Road to the end of Whispering Valley Drive, because these streets are wider than 35 feet. They are not included in the recommended Code changes.

Public Works staff recommends that Section 12-4-24 be amended to add the following streets to the list of streets with a maximum speed limit of 25 miles per hour.

Angus Valley Area Neighborhood

Acropolis Court from Whispering Valley Drive to the end of Acropolis Court.
 Alpheus Avenue from Whispering Valley Drive to Acropolis Court.
 Amesley Cove from Switch Willo to the end of Amesley Cove.
 Audane Drive from Jessica Lane to West Cow Path.
 Bar-X Drive from Pony Chase to Black Angus Drive.
 Black Angus Cove from Black Angus Drive to the end of Black Angus Cove.
 Branding Chase from Shetland Chase to the end of Branding Chase.
 Bull Run from Mustang Chase to West Cow Path.
 Bull Run Circle from West Cow Path to the end of Bull Run Circle.
 Cactus Bend from Pony Chase to Rambling Range.

Chadbury Cove from Switch Willo to the end of Chadbury Cove.
Charm Circle from Whispering Valley Drive to the end of Charm Circle.
Craig Drive from Black Angus Drive to the end of Craig Drive.
Deer Track from West Cow Path to the end of Deer Track.
Gate Way from Duval Road to Mustang Chase.
Gypsy Cove from Misty Brook Drive to the end of Gypsy Cove.
Hereford Way from Mustang Chase to Bar-X Drive.
Hispania Court from Black Angus Drive to the end of Hispania Court.
Jessica Lane from West Cow Path to the end of Jessica Lane.
Maverick Drive from Mustang Chase to West Cow Path.
Midland Walk from Branding Chase to the end of Midland Walk.
Misty Brook Cove from Misty Brook Drive to the end of Misty Brook Cove.
Misty Brook Drive from Switch Willo to Whispering Valley Drive.
Mustang Chase from Duval Road to the end of Mustang Chase.
Ponderosa Parkway from Mustang Chase to the end of Ponderosa Parkway.
Pony Chase from Black Angus Drive to Cactus Bend.
Rambling Range from Mustang Chase to Cactus Bend.
Rustown Drive from Black Angus Drive to Craig Drive.
Saddle Circle from Bar-X Drive to the end of Saddle Circle.
Saddle Drive from Black Angus Drive to Bar-X Drive.
Sage Hen Circle from Sage Hen Drive to the end of Sage Hen Circle.
Sage Hen Court from Sage Hen Drive to the end of Sage Hen Court.
Sage Hen Cove from Sage Hen Drive to the end of Sage Hen Cove.
Sage Hen Drive from Black Angus Drive to Timber Wolf Trail.
Shetland Chase from Branding Chase to the end of Shetland Chase.
Smokey Mountain Drive from Black Angus Drive to Bar-X Drive.
Switch Willo from Whispering Valley Drive to the end of Switch Willo.
Timber Wolf Circle from Timber Wolf Trail to the end of Timber Wolf Circle.
Timber Wolf Trail from Pony Chase to the end of Timber Wolf Trail.
West Cow Path from 795 feet north of Duval Road to 100 feet south of Jessica Lane.
Whispering Valley Drive from Duval Road to 1050 feet north of Duval Road.