

AGENDA



Thursday, June 21, 2007

Public Works

Item No. 68

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 the area bounded by Barton Springs Road to the north, South 1st Street to the east, West Oltorf Street to the south, and South Lamar Boulevard to the west.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$10,500 is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget of the Public Works Department for 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 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.

Texas Transportation Code Section 545.356 allows that the City Council may lower the speed limit on certain streets in the area bounded by Barton Springs Road, South 1st Street, West Oltorf Street, and South Lamar Boulevard to 25 miles per hour. Most of the streets within the area are eligible under State law for a 25 mile per hour speed limit. The exceptions are South 8th Street from Treadwell Street to West Gibson Street, West Annie Street from South 1st Street to South 6th Street, Bouldin Avenue from Barton Springs Road to Daniel Drive, West Gibson Street from South Lamar Boulevard to the end of West Gibson Street, West Live Oak Street from South 1st Street to South 5th Street, West Live Oak Street from South 6th Street to the end of West Live Oak Street, West Mary Street from South 1st Street to South Lamar Boulevard, and Treadwell Street from South Lamar Boulevard to the end of Treadwell Street, because these streets are wider than thirty five feet. Other exceptions are South 5th Street from Ramona Street to Jewell Street, South 5th Street from West Oltorf Street to Brodie Street, Bouldin Avenue from Daniel Street to Post Oak Street, and Dawson Road from Barton Springs Road to Ramona Street, because these streets have extensive parking restrictions. Also exempt are Wirtz Avenue from West Live Oak Street to the end of Wirtz Avenue, and Perry Avenue from Wirtz Avenue to the end of Perry Avenue because they are private streets.

None of these exceptions are included in the recommended Code changes.

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

- 2nd Street (South) from Unnamed Street (248) to the end of 2nd Street (South).
- 2nd Street (South) from Oltorf Street (West) to Monroe Street (West).
- 3rd Street (South) from Post Oak Street to the end of 3rd Street (South).
- 3rd Street (South) from Oltorf Street (West) to Christopher Street.

4th Street (South) from Oltorf Street (West) to the end of 4th Street (South).
5th Street (South) from Brodie Street to Jewell Street.
6th Street (South) from Jewell Street to the end of 6th Street (South).
6th Street (South) from Live Oak Street (West) to Milton Street (West).
7th Street (South) from Milton Street (West) to Jewell Street.
7th Street (South) from Mary Street (West) to the end of 7th Street (South).
Annie Street (West) from 6th Street (South) to the end of Annie Street (West).
Bouldin Avenue from Live Oak Street (West) to Post Oak Street.
Briar Street from Milton Street (West) to Annie Street (West).
Brodie Street from 5th Street (South) to the end of Brodie Street.
Christopher Street from 3rd Street (South) to 5th Street (South).
Columbus Street from 3rd Street (South) to 5th Street (South).
Copeland Street from 1st Street (South) to 2nd Street (South).
Daniel Drive from Dawson Road to Bouldin Avenue.
Ebony Street from Dawson Road to Bouldin Avenue.
Elizabeth Street (West) from 1st Street (South) to 5th Street (South).
Evergreen Avenue from Mary Street (West) to Lamar Boulevard (South).
Fletcher Street from 1st Street (South) to 3rd Street (South).
Gibson Street (West) from 1st Street (South) to 6th Street (South).
James Street (West) from 3rd Street (South) to 5th Street (South).
Jewell Street from 1st Street (South) to 7th Street (South).
Johanna Street (West) from 1st Street (South) to the end of Johanna Street (West).
Milton Street (West) from 2nd Street (South) to 3rd Street (South).
Milton Street (West) from Bouldin Avenue to 7th Street (South).
Monroe Street (West) from 1st Street (South) to 7th Street (South).
Oak Crest Avenue from 3rd Street (South) to Oltorf Street (West).
Post Oak Street from Dawson Road to both ends of Post Oak Street.
Ramona Street from 5th Street (South) to Bouldin Avenue.
Retama Street from Dawson Road to Bouldin Avenue.
Unnamed Street (248) from 1st Street (South) to 2nd Street (South).