

AGENDA



Thursday, June 21, 2007

Public Works

Item No. 69

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 West 29th Street to the north, Guadalupe Street to the east, West 24th Street to the south, and North Lamar Boulevard to the west.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$2,400 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;
- 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 West 29th Street to the north, Guadalupe Street to the east, West 24th Street to the south, and North Lamar Boulevard to the west. Some of the streets within the area are eligible under state law for a 25 mile per hour speed limit. The exceptions are: Longview Street from West 24th Street to the end of Longview Street, Rio Grande Street from West 24th Street to West 29th Street, Pearl Street from West 24th Street to West 25th Street, Nueces Street from West 27th Street to Guadalupe Street, and West 28th Street from Guadalupe Street to San Pedro Street, because these streets are wider than 35 feet; Shoal Crest Avenue from West 28th ½ Street to West 29th Street, San Pedro Street from West 26th Street to West 28th ½ Street, Poplar Street from San Gabriel Street to San Pedro Street, Seton Avenue from West 25th Street to West 26th Street, West 26th Street from Guadalupe Street to Leon Street, West 27th Street from Nueces Street to Guadalupe Street, West 25th Street from Rio Grande Street to Guadalupe Street, Graham Place from Rio Grande Street to Pearl Street, San Gabriel Street from Poplar Street to West 24th Street, Leon Street from West 24th Street to West 26th Street, Nueces Street from West 24th Street to West 27th Street, San Antonio Street from West 24th Street to West 26th Street, and West 25th ½ Street from Leon Street to San Gabriel Street due to parking restrictions. They are not 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 limit of 25 miles per hour.

24th ½ Street (West) from Rio Grande Street to Seton Avenue.
 25th Street (West) from Lamar Boulevard (North) to Rio Grande Street.
 28th ½ Street (West) from Rio Grande Street to Shoal Crest Avenue.

Hume Place from Guadalupe Street to 26th Street (West).
Odom Street from San Pedro Street to the end of Odom Street.
Pearl Street from 25th Street (West) to 26th Street (West).
Pearl Street from 29th Street (West) to the end of Pearl Street.
Salado Street from 26th Street (West) to 29th Street (West).
San Gabriel Street from Lamar Boulevard (North) to 29th Street (West).
Seton Avenue from 24th Street (West) to 25th Street (West).
Shoal Cliff Court from San Pedro Street to the end of Shoal Cliff Court.