

AGENDA



Thursday, June 21, 2007

Public Works

Item No. 70

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 East and West 38th Street to the north, Red River Street to the east, West 29th Street, San Jacinto Boulevard, and Dean Keeton Street to the south, and Guadalupe Street to the west.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$9,400 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;
- 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 East and West 38th Street to the north, Red River Street to the east, West 29th Street, San Jacinto Boulevard, and Dean Keeton Street to the south, and Guadalupe Street to the west. Most of the streets within the area are eligible under state law for a 25 mile per hour speed limit. The exceptions are: Duval Street from San Jacinto Boulevard to East 38th Street, Fairfax Walk from East 32nd Street to the end of Fairfax Walk, Medical Arts Square from Medical Arts Street to Medical Arts Square, Medical Arts Street from Dean Keeton Street to Red River Street, San Jacinto Boulevard from East 30th Street to Dean Keeton Street, Speedway from 31st Street to 38th Street, and Whitis Avenue from West 30th Street to the end of Whitis Avenue, because these streets are wider than 35 feet; East 30th Street from University Avenue to Speedway, East 32nd Street from Red River Street to Fairfax Walk, West 30th Street from University Avenue to Guadalupe Street, West 34th Street from Speedway to Guadalupe Street, Beanna Street from Dean Keeton Street to East 30th Street, Benelva Drive from East 31st Street to East 32nd Street, East Drive from East 29th Street to Hemphill Park, Fruth Street from West 34th Street to West 35th Street, Grooms Street from East 31st Street to East 32nd Street, Hampton Road from East 30th Street to Dean Keeton Street, Hemphill Park from East 30th Street to Wheeler Street, Hemphill Park from East 33rd Street to East 34th Street, Moore Boulevard from Grooms Street to Walling Drive, Park Place from San Jacinto Boulevard to Dean Keeton Street, Tom Green Street from Walling Drive to East 31st Street, University Avenue from East 30th Street to East 31st Street, Walling Drive from East 31st Street to East 32nd Street, and West Drive from Fruth Street to Hemphill Park 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.

30th Street (East) from Speedway to Duval Street.
30th Street (East) from Medical Arts Street to the end of 30th Street (East).
31st Street (East) from University Avenue to Duval Street.
31st Street (East) from Medical Arts Street to the end of 31st Street (East).
32nd Street (East) from Fairfax Walk to Speedway.
32nd ½ Street (East) from Beanna Street to Hampton Road.
33rd Street (East) from Speedway to Duval Street.
34th Street (East) from Speedway to Duval Street.
35th Street (East) from Greenway to Hampton Road.
35th Street (East) from Speedway to Duval Street.
37th Street (East) from Speedway to the end of 37th Street (East).
37th Street (East) from Greenway to Red River Street.
31st Street (West) from University Avenue to the end of 31st Street (West).
32nd Street (West) from Speedway to Guadalupe Street.
33rd Street (West) from Speedway to Guadalupe Street.
35th Street (West) from Speedway to Guadalupe Street.
37th Street (West) from Home Lane to Guadalupe Street.
Beanna Street from 32nd Street (East) to 32nd ½ Street (East).
Bellevue Place from Duval Street to Harris Park Avenue.
Carolyn Avenue from Duval Street to the end of Carolyn Avenue.
Cedar Street from 34th Street (West) to 38th Street (West).
Cedar Street from 30th (West) to the end of Cedar Street.
Elmwood Place from Duval Street to Harris Park Avenue.
Front Street from Benelva Drive to Duval Street.
Fruth Street from 29th Street (West) to the end of Fruth Street.
Greenway from 35th Street (East) to 38th Street (East).
Griffith Street from 35th Street (East) to 38th Street (East).
Grooms Street from 32nd Street (East) to 38th Street (East).
Hampton Road from 32nd Street (East) to 37th Street (East).
Harris Avenue from Duval Street to Red River Street.
Harris Park Avenue from Park Place to Harris Avenue.
Helms Street from 31st Street (East) to 35th Street (East).
Hemphill Park from Wheeler Street to 33rd Street (East).
Home Lane from 34th Street (West) to 38th Street (West).
Landon Lane from Harris Park Avenue to the end of Landon Lane.
Laurel Lane from Hemphill Park to Speedway.
Leonard Street from Beanna Street to the end of Leonard Street.
Liberty Street from 32nd Street (East) to 38th Street (East).
Lipscomb Street from 32nd Street (West) to 33rd Street (West).
Montrose Street from Harris Avenue to 38th Street (East).
Rathervue Place from Duval Street to Harris Park Avenue.
Sparks Avenue from Harris Park Avenue to the end of Sparks Avenue.
Speedway from 30th Street to 31st Street.
Texas Avenue from Duval Street to Woodrow Street.
Tom Green Street from 32nd Street (East) to 38th Street (East).
Wheeler Street from Hemphill Park to 32nd Street (West).
Woodrow Street from Harris Avenue to Texas Avenue.