

## AGENDA



Thursday, July 24, 2008

## Public Works

Item No. 49

## RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

**Subject:** Approve an ordinance amending Section 12-4-64(D) of the City Code to establish a maximum speed limit of 25 miles per hour on certain streets within the area bounded by East 51st Street, Manor Road and Springdale Road.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$5,900 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 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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Texas Transportation Code Section 545.356 allows 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.

The City of Austin Public Works Department recommends the 25 mile per hour speed limit for certain streets in the area bounded by East 51st Street, Manor Road, and Springdale Road. The lower speed limit will reduce the potential for vehicle-pedestrian accidents. The ordinance includes a finding that the previous prima facie speed limit is unreasonable or unsafe, in accordance with the statute. Most of the streets within the area are eligible for a 25 mile per hour speed limit. The exceptions are Chadwyck Drive from Springdale Road to Rogge Lane, Chevy Circle from Gloucester Lane to the end of Chevy Circle, Northeast Drive from Manor Road to Springdale Road, Norwood Hill Road from Pecan Springs Road to Springdale Road, Preswyck Drive from Woodbriar Lane to Rogge Lane, Reicher Drive from Rogge Lane to Manor Road, Rogge Lane from Manor Road to Chadwyck Drive, Walnut Hills Drive from Cedarlawn Circle to Manor Road, Sweeney Lane from Manor Road to the end of Sweeney Lane, Sweeney Circle from Sweeney Lane to the end of Sweeney Circle, Pecan Springs Road from Manor Road to East 51st Street, and Woodbriar Lane from Preswyck Drive to Tipton Drive due to street widths greater than 35 feet. They are not included in the recommended Code changes.

Staff recommends that Section 12-4-64(D) be amended to add the following streets to the list of streets with a maximum speed limit of 25 miles per hour.

Ameswood Drive from Claymoor Drive to Rexford Drive.  
 Basswood Lane from Highbury Lane to Tipton Drive.  
 Beechmoor Drive from Basswood Lane to Norwood Hill Road.  
 Berrylawn Circle from Reicher Drive to the end of Berrylawn Circle.  
 Cedarlawn Circle from Walnut Hills Drive to the end of Cedarlawn Circle.  
 Cherrylawn Circle from Walnut Hills Drive to the end of Cherrylawn Circle.

Claymoor Drive from Norwood Hill Road to Woodbriar Lane.  
Cordell Lane from Claymoor Drive to Rexford Drive.  
Darlington Lane from Norwood Hill Road to Rexford Drive.  
Darlington Cove from Norwood Hill Road to the end of Darlington Cove.  
Dresden Cove from Darlington Lane to the end of Dresden Cove.  
Edgedale Drive from Gloucester Lane to Reicher Drive.  
Gladstone Drive from Basswood Lane to Norwood Hill Road.  
Gloucester Lane from Claymoor Drive to Edgedale Drive.  
Halmark Drive from Medford Drive (north intersection) to Medford Drive (south intersection).  
Highbury Lane from Medford Drive to the end of Highbury Lane.  
Hyclimb Circle from Hylawn Drive to the end of Hyclimb Circle.  
Hycreek Drive from Reicher Drive to Springdale Road.  
Hylawn Drive from Hyside Drive to the end of Hylawn Drive.  
Hyside Drive from Hycreek Drive to Manor Road.  
Maplelawn Circle from Walnut Hills Drive to end of Maplelawn Circle.  
Marymount Drive from 51st Street (East) to Pecan Springs Road.  
Medford Drive from Highbury Lane to Norwood Hill Road.  
Norwich Cove from Darlington Lane to the end of Norwich Cove.  
Overbrook Drive from 51st Street (East) to Manor Road.  
Overdale Road from Manor Road to Darlington Lane.  
Pecan Circle from Overbrook Drive to the end of Pecan Circle.  
Pendleton Lane from Tipton Drive to Basswood Lane.  
Rexford Drive from Darlington Lane to Preswyck Drive.  
Rogge Lane from Chadwyck Drive to Springdale Road.  
Spring Circle from Overbrook Drive to the end of Spring Circle.  
Sunnylawn Circle from Reicher Drive to the end of Sunnylawn Circle.  
Tipton Drive from Norwood Hill Road to Chadwyck Drive.  
Walnut Hills Drive from Edgedale Drive to Cedarlawn Circle.  
Wayborne Hill Drive from Marymount Drive (north intersection) to Marymount Drive (south intersection).