

AGENDA



Thursday, July 24, 2008

Public Works

Item No. 51

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 a neighborhood bounded by Elmont Drive and Country Club Creek, E. Riverside Drive, S. Pleasant Valley Road and Montopolis Drive.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$3,750 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 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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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; 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.

The City of Austin Public Works Department recommends the 25 mile per hour speed limit for certain streets in the area bounded by Elmont Drive and Country Club Creek, E. Riverside Drive, S. Pleasant Valley Road, and Montopolis Drive. 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 Clubview Avenue from E. Riverside Drive to Fairway Street, Crossing Place from E. Riverside Drive to the end of Crossing Place, Elmont Drive from S. Pleasant Valley Road to the end of Elmont Drive, Faro Drive from E. Riverside Drive to Crossing Place, Fairway Street from Montopolis Drive to Grove Boulevard, Grove Boulevard from E. Riverside Drive to the end of Grove Boulevard, Hogan Avenue from Montopolis Drive to Grove Boulevard, Wickersham Lane from E. Riverside Drive to Elmont Drive because these streets are wider than 35 feet. None of these exceptions are 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.

Atwood Street from Kemp Street to the end of Atwood Street.
 Begonia Circle from Begonia Terrace to the end of Begonia Circle.
 Begonia Terrace from Carnation Terrace to Palm Circle.
 Bluebell Circle from Marigold Terrace (north intersection) to the end of Bluebell Circle.
 Brassie Street from Riverside Drive (East) to Fairway Street.
 Caddie Street from Montopolis Drive to Clubview Avenue.
 Caladendra Drive from Carnation Terrace to Marigold Terrace.
 Carnation Terrace from Montopolis Drive to the end of Carnation Terrace.

Clovis Street from Kemp Street to Montopolis Drive.
Club Terrace from Montopolis Drive to Community Drive.
Community Drive from Hogan Avenue to both ends of Community Drive.
Country Club Road from Riverside Drive (East) to the end of Country Club Road.
Culp Street from Ponca Street to the end of Culp Street.
Egger Street from Ponca Street to the end of Egger Street.
Felix Avenue from Montopolis Drive to Community Drive.
Grove Drive from Montopolis Drive to the end of Grove Drive.
Kasper Street from Montopolis Drive to Clubview Avenue.
Kemp Street from Ponca Street to Clovis Street.
Langham Street from Montopolis Drive to Clubview Avenue.
Larch Terrace from Begonia Terrace to Montopolis Drive.
Lily Terrace from Carnation Terrace to Palm Circle.
Marigold Terrace from Montopolis Drive to Bluebell Circle (south intersection).
Montopolis Drive from Bastrop Highway Southbound to Montopolis Ramp to the north end of Montopolis Drive
Palm Circle from Larch Terrace to the end of Palm Circle.
Penick Drive from Riverside Drive (East) to Country Club Drive.
Ponca Street from Montopolis Drive to the end of Ponca Street.
Richardson Lane from Montopolis Drive to the end of Richardson Lane.
Short Kemp from Ponca Street to the end of Short Kemp.
Vera Lane from Montopolis Drive to Kemp Street.
Walker Lane from Montopolis Drive to Kemp Street.