

## AGENDA



Thursday, July 24, 2008

## Public Works

Item No. 52

## 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 Loyola Lane, Johnny Morris Road, Colony Loop Drive and the current Austin city boundary line.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$3,100 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 Loyola Lane, Johnny Morris Road, Colony Loop Drive and the current Austin city boundary line. 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 under state law for a 25 mile per hour speed limit. The exceptions are Colony Loop Drive from Loyola Lane to Ritchie Drive, Colony Park Drive from Loyola Lane to the end of Colony Park Drive, Ritchie Drive from Colony Loop Drive to Colony Park Drive, Sandshof Drive from Colony Park Drive to Loyola Lane, and Siepel Drive from Colony Loop Drive to the east end of Siepel Drive because these streets are wider 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. Asbury Drive from Townsborough Drive to Ritchie Drive. Bryonwood Drive from Colony Park Drive to Hillcroft Drive. Carwill Drive from Colony Park Drive (north intersection) to Colony Park Drive (south intersection). Colony Park Cove from Colony Park Drive to the end of Colony Park Cove. Craybrough Circle from Johnny Morris Road (north intersection) to Johnny Morris Road (south intersection). Ellington Circle from Johnny Morris Road (north intersection) to Johnny Morris Road (south intersection). Fleetridge Drive from Colony Loop Drive to Shannon Drive. Hillcroft Drive from Loyola Lane to Ritchie Drive. Howerington Circle from Johnny Morris Road (north intersection) to Johnny Morris Road (south intersection).

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Muffin Drive from Ritchie Drive to Jaired Drive.  
Pondsedale Lane from Colony Loop Drive to the end of Pondsedale Lane.  
Ritchie Drive from Colony Park Drive to Muffin Drive.  
Red Ridge Drive from Colony Park Drive to Hillcroft Drive.  
Sandshof Circle from Sandshof Drive to the end of Sandshof Circle.  
Shannon Drive from Colony Loop Drive to Ritchie Drive.  
Siepel Drive from Colony Loop Drive to the west end of Siepel Drive.  
Townsborough Drive from Colony Loop Drive to Hillcroft Drive.  
Waynesborough Drive from Shannon Drive to Colony Park Drive.