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Thursday, August 24, 2006

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Public Works RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

ITEM No. 18

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 residential streets within the area bound by Comal Street, Chestnut Avenue, Manor Road, and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The Blackland Neighborhood Association is part of this area.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$4,600 is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 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.

Additional Backup Material

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Ordinance

For More Information: Alan Hughes, 974-7202, Gordon Derr, 974-7228, Laura Bohl, 974-7064.

In 2005, the Legislature amended the Texas Transportation Code 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 Blackland Neighborhood Association has requested that the City Council lower the speed limit along the residential streets in the area bound by Comal Street, Chestnut Avenue, Manor Road, and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. Most of the streets within the area are eligible under state law for a 25 mile per hour speed limit. The exceptions are Real Street between Alexander Avenue and Miriam Avenue, Miriam Avenue between Real Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Chestnut Street between Manor Road and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Chicon Street between Manor Road and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Comal Street between Manor Road and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, and Alexander Avenue between Manor Road and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, because these streets are wider than 35 feet. 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. 20th Street between Comal Street and Chestnut Avenue 21st Street between Comal Street and Maple Avenue 22nd Street between Concho Street and Alexander Avenue Alamo Street between Manor Road and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard Cedar Avenue between Rogers Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard Coletto Street between Manor Road and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard Concho Street between Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and 22nd Street Curtis Avenue between 22nd Street and Manor Road Eckert Street between Rountree Drive and Airport Boulevard Givens Avenue between Cedar Avenue and Maple Avenue Higgins Street between Rountree Drive and Airport Boulevard Leona Street between Manor Road and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard Maldon Place between 22nd Street and end of Maldon Place Maple Avenue between Manor Road and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard Moss Street between Rountree Drive and Airport Boulevard Pannell Street between Rountree Drive and Airport Boulevard Poquito Street between Manor Road and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard Rountree Drive between Manor Road and Higgins Street Rogers Avenue between Walnut Avenue and Stafford Street Salina Street from between Manor Road and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard Stafford Street between Manor Road and Rogers Avenue Walnut Avenue between Manor Road and Rogers Avenue

Weber Avenue between Cedar Avenue and end of Weber Avenue.

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 12-4-24 OF THE CITY CODE TO ESTABLISH A MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT OF 25 MILES PER HOUR ON RESIDENTIAL STREETS WITHIN THE AREA BOUNDED BY COMAL STREET, CHESTNUT AVENUE, MANOR ROAD, AND MARTIN LUTHER KING BOULEVARD.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. Section 12-4-24 (*Maximum Speed of 25 Miles Per Hour*) of the City Code is amended as follows:

Walnut Avenue from Hemlock Avenue to Rogers Avenue [~~Manor Road~~].

PART 2. Section 12-4-24 (*Maximum Speed of 25 Miles Per Hour*) of the City Code is amended to add:

20th Street between Comal Street and Chestnut Avenue.

21st Street between Comal Street and Maple Avenue.

22nd Street between Concho Street and Alexander Avenue.

Alamo Street between Manor Road and Martin Luther King Boulevard.

Cedar Avenue between Rogers Avenue and Martin Luther King Boulevard.

Coletto Street between Manor Road and Martin Luther King Boulevard.

Concho Street between Martin Luther King Boulevard and 22nd Street.

Curtis Avenue between 22nd Street and Manor Road.

Eckert Street between Rountree Drive and Airport Boulevard.

Givens Avenue between Cedar Avenue and Maple Avenue.

Higgins Street between Rountree Drive and Airport Boulevard.

Leona Street between Manor Road and Martin Luther King Boulevard.

Maldon Place between 22nd Street and end of Maldon Place.

Maple Avenue between Manor Road and Martin Luther King Boulevard.

Moss Street between Rountree Drive and Airport Boulevard.

1 Pannell Street between Rountree Drive and Airport Boulevard.

2 Poquito Street between Manor Road and Martin Luther King Boulevard.

3 Rountree Drive between Manor Road and Higgins Street.

4 Rogers Avenue between Walnut Avenue and Stafford Street.

5 Salina Street from between Manor Road and Martin Luther King Boulevard.

6 Stafford Street between Manor Road and Rogers Avenue.

7 Weber Avenue between Cedar Avenue and end of Weber Avenue.

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9 **PART 3.** The City Council finds that the prima facie speed limit previously applicable to
10 the streets, or portions of streets, identified in Parts 1 and 2 of this ordinance is
11 unreasonable or unsafe, and the reduction in speed limit on these streets will reduce the
12 potential for vehicle-pedestrian accidents.

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14 **PART 4.** The amendments made in this ordinance shall be incorporated in alphabetical
15 order and the existing subsections renumbered accordingly.

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17 **PART 5.** This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2006.

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19 **PASSED AND APPROVED**

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23 _____, 2006

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24 Will Wynn
25 Mayor

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28 **APPROVED:**

29 David Allan Smith
30 City Attorney

31 **ATTEST:**

32 Shirley A. Gentry
33 City Clerk