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Thursday, August 24, 2006

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Public Works RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

ITEM No. 19

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 an area bound by Payton Gin Road to the north, US Highway 183 (Research Boulevard) to the south, and North Lamar Boulevard to the east. This area is identified as Area 1 of the North Austin Civic Association.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$4,730 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

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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

Most of the streets within the area bound by Payton Gin Road to the north, US Highway 183 (Research Boulevard) to the west, and North Lamar Boulevard to the east are eligible for 25 miles per hour speed limit. The exceptions are Fairfield Drive, Jamestown Drive, Ohlen Road, and Thurmond Street.

Public Works 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.

North Austin Civic Association (Area 1) Alden Drive from Bradford Drive to Jamestown Drive Bangor Bend from Jamestown Drive (west intersection) to Jamestown Drive (east intersection) Beech Drive from Dryfield Drive to Clearfield Drive Bradford Drive from Fairfield Drive to Plymouth Drive Bridgeport Drive from Payton Gin Road to Fairfield Drive Brookfield Drive from Payton Gin Road to Beech Drive Chesapeake Drive from Bradford Drive to Jamestown Drive Clarewood Drive from Fairfield Drive to Payton Gin Road Clearfield Drive from U.S. Highway 183 (Research Boulevard) to Maine Drive Colonial Drive from Payton Gin Road to Fairfield Drive Colony North Drive from Maine Drive to Jamestown Drive Connecticut Drive from Jamestown Drive to Bridgeport Drive Dryfield Drive from Beech Drive to Brookfield Drive Larkspur Road from Brookfield Drive to Parkfield Drive Maine Drive from Fairfield Drive to Jamestown Drive Maryland Drive from Jamestown Drive to Bridgeport Drive New Hampshire Drive from Fairfield Drive to Plymouth Drive Parkfield Drive from Payton Gin Road to Clearfield Drive Plymouth Drive from Maine Drive to Jamestown Drive Redfield Lane from Payton Gin Road to Fairfield Drive Remington Lane from Fairfield Drive to Dryfield Drive Staunton Drive from Colony North Drive to Jamestown Drive.

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 PAYTON GIN ROAD, U.S. HIGHWAY 183, AND NORTH LAMAR 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 to add:

Alden Drive from Bradford Drive to Jamestown Drive.

Bangor Bend from Jamestown Drive (west intersection) to Jamestown Drive (east intersection).

Beech Drive from Dryfield Drive to Clearfield Drive.

Bradford Drive from Fairfield Drive to Plymouth Drive.

Bridgeport Drive from Payton Gin Road to Fairfield Drive.

Brookfield Drive from Payton Gin Road to Beech Drive.

Chesapeake Drive from Bradford Drive to Jamestown Drive.

Clarewood Drive from Fairfield Drive to Payton Gin Road.

Clearfield Drive from U.S. Highway 183 (Research Boulevard) to Maine Drive.

Colonial Drive from Payton Gin Road to Fairfield Drive

Colony North Drive from Maine Drive to Jamestown Drive

Connecticut Drive from Jamestown Drive to Bridgeport Drive

Dryfield Drive from Beech Drive to Brookfield Drive

Larkspur Road from Brookfield Drive to Parkfield Drive

1 Maine Drive from Fairfield Drive to Jamestown Drive

2 Maryland Drive from Jamestown Drive to Bridgeport Drive

3 New Hampshire Drive from Fairfield Drive to Plymouth Drive

4 Parkfield Drive from Payton Gin Road to Clearfield Drive

5 Plymouth Drive from Maine Drive to Jamestown Drive

6 Redfield Lane from Payton Gin Road to Fairfield Drive

7 Remington Lane from Fairfield Drive to Dryfield Drive

8 Staunton Drive from Colony North Drive to Jamestown Drive

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 Part 1 of this ordinance is unreasonable or
11 unsafe, and the reduction in speed limit on these streets will reduce the potential for
12 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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2 **PART 5.** This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2006.

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4 **PASSED AND APPROVED**

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8 _____, 2006

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Will Wynn
Mayor

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13 **APPROVED:**

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15 David Allan Smith
16 City Attorney

17 **ATTEST:**

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Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk