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AGENDA



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Public Works

ITEM No. 20

RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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 Braker Lane to the north, Kramer Lane to the south, Lamar Boulevard to the east, and Metric Boulevard to the west. The Prairie Dove Neighborhood Organization is part of this area.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$2,970 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 Braker Lane to the north, Kramer Lane to the south, Lamar Boulevard to the east, and Metric Boulevard to the west are eligible for 25 miles per hour speed limit. The exceptions are Milbanks Drive, Parkfield Drive, and Sage Hollow Drive.

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.

Prairie Dove Neighborhood and Surrounding Area Applewood Drive from Sage Hollow Drive to Cricket Hollow Drive Baltus Drive from Cricket Hollow Drive to the end of Baltus Drive Bending Bough Trail from Blossom Bell Drive (west intersection) to Blossom Bell Drive (north intersection) Blossom Bell Drive From Kramer Lane to Parkfield Drive Cricket Hollow Drive from Sage Hollow Drive to the end of Cricket Hollow Drive Jordan Lane from Blossom Bell Drive (west intersection) to Blossom Bell Drive (north intersection) Parsons Drive from Parkfield Drive to Renel Drive Plains Trail from Braker Lane to Kramer Lane Prairie Dove Circle from Ptarmigan Drive (south intersection) to Ptarmigan Drive (north intersection) Ptarmigan Drive from Braker Lane to Kramer Lane Renel Drive from Braker Lane to Kramer Lane Selma Drive from Renel Drive to Kramer Lane.

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 BRAKER LANE, KRAMER LANE, LAMAR BOULEVARD AND METRIC 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:

Applewood Drive from Sage Hollow Drive to Cricket Hollow Drive.

Baltus Drive from Cricket Hollow Drive to the end of Baltus Drive.

Bending Bough Trail from Blossom Bell Drive (west intersection) to Blossom Bell Drive (north intersection).

Blossom Bell Drive From Kramer Lane to Parkfield Drive.

Cricket Hollow Drive from Sage Hollow Drive to the end of Cricket Hollow Drive.

Jordan Lane from Blossom Bell Drive (west intersection) to Blossom Bell Drive (north intersection).

Parsons Drive from Parkfield Drive to Renel Drive.

Plains Trail from Braker Lane to Kramer Lane.

Prairie Dove Circle from Ptarmigan Drive (south intersection) to Ptarmigan Drive (north intersection).

Ptarmigan Drive from Braker Lane to Kramer Lane.

Renel Drive from Braker Lane to Kramer Lane.

Selma Drive from Renel Drive to Kramer Lane.

28 **PART 2.** The City Council finds that the prima facie speed limit previously applicable to
29 the streets, or portions of streets, identified in Part 1 of this ordinance is unreasonable or
30 unsafe, and the reduction in speed limit on these streets will reduce the potential for
31 vehicle-pedestrian accidents.

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33 **PART 3.** The amendments made in this ordinance shall be incorporated in alphabetical
34 order and the existing subsections renumbered accordingly.

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36 **PART 4.** This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2006.

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38 **PASSED AND APPROVED**

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42 _____, 2006

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Will Wynn
Mayor

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47 **APPROVED:** _____

48 David Allan Smith
49 City Attorney

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51 **ATTEST:** _____

52 Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk