

A U S T I N C I T Y C O U N C I L

AGENDA



Thursday, August 31, 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 the area bounded by Stassney Lane, Manchaca Road, Ben White Boulevard, and the Union Pacific Railroad.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$10,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 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.

Additional Backup Material

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In 2005, the Legislature amended the Texas Transportation Code Section 545.356 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.

Texas Transportation Code Section 545.356 allows that the City Council may lower the speed limit along the residential streets in the area bounded by Stassney Lane, Manchaca Road, Ben White Boulevard, and the Union Pacific Railroad to 25 miles per hour. Most of the streets within the area are eligible under state law for a 25-mile per hour speed limit. The exceptions are Banister Lane from Ben White Boulevard to Redd Street, Rose Hill Circle from Stassney Lane to end of Rose Hill Circle, Kings Highway from Stassney Lane to end of Kings Highway, and Brittany Boulevard from Kings Highway to end of Brittany 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 of 25 miles per hour.

Arden Drive from Banister Lane to Jinx Avenue. Banbury Bend from Philco Drive to Sylvan Glade. Birchwood Court from Gillis Street to end of Birchwood Court. Brighton Road from Green Forest Drive to end of Brighton Road. Calais Court from St Georges Green to end of Calais Court. Camelot Circle from Brighton Road to end of Camelot Circle. Casey Street from Mount Vernon Drive to end of Casey Street. Clawson Road from South Forest Drive to end of Clawson Road. Crown Drive from Clawson Road to end of Crown Drive. Diane Drive from Redd Street to end of Diane Drive. Enchanted Lane from Lansing Drive to South Forest Drive. Everglade Drive from Philco Drive to Forest Glade Drive. Fair Oaks Drive from Manchaca Road to Calais Court. Falcon Cove from Richmond Avenue to end of Falcon Cove. Forest Hill Drive from Manchaca Road to Philco Drive. Forestglade Drive from Manchaca Road to Philco Drive. Gillis Street from Ben White Boulevard to Green Forest Drive. Gladeview Drive from Lansing Drive to South Forest Drive. Glencoe Circle from Lansing Drive to end of Glencoe Circle. Glenhaven from Everglade Drive

to end of Glenhaven. Green Forest Drive from Clawson Road to Mount Vernon Drive. Hank Avenue from Marcy Street to Jinx Avenue. Hawk Cove from Richmond Avenue to end of Hawk Cove. Inverness Boulevard from Manchaca Road to Kings Highway. Jentsch Court from Manchaca Road to end of Jentsch Court. Jester Drive from Redd Street to end of Jester Drive. Jinx Avenue from Arden Drive to end of Jinx Avenue. Lansing Drive from Manchaca Road to Richmond Avenue. Lark Cove from Richmond Avenue to end of Lark Cove. Majestic Drive from Lansing Drive to Gladeview Drive. Marcy Street from Banister Lane to Jinx Avenue. Merle Drive from Ben White Boulevard to end of Merle Drive. Mount Vernon Drive from Green Forest Drive to end of Mount Vernon Drive. Nalide Street from Jinx Avenue to Nalide Street. Orleans Court from Kings Highway to end of Orleans Court. Parkdale Place from Clawson Road to end of Parkdale Place. Philco Drive from Mount Vernon Drive end of Philco Drive. Philco Drive from Lansing Drive to Hank Avenue. Plateau Circle from Mount Vernon Drive to end of Plateau Circle. Randy Circle from Brighton Road to end of Randy Circle. Redd Street from Manchaca Road to end of Redd Street. Richmond Avenue from Lansing Drive to Banister Lane. Russell Drive from Manchaca Road to Crown Drive. South Forest Drive from Philco Drive to Clawson Road. St Albans Boulevard from Manchaca Road to St Georges Green. St Elmo Road from Mount Vernon Drive to Vinson Drive. St Georges Green from Calais Court to end of St Georges Green. Sylvan Glade from Clawson Road to Banbury Bend. Sylvandale Drive from Lansing Drive to South Forest Drive.

ORDINANCE NO.

1 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 12-4-24 OF THE CITY CODE TO
2 ESTABLISH A MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT OF 25 MILES PER HOUR WITHIN
3 THE AREA BOUNDED BY STASSNEY LANE, MANCHACA ROAD, BEN
4 WHITE BOULEVARD AND THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD.

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

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8 PART 1. Section 12-4-24 (*Maximum Speed of 25 Miles Per Hour*) of the City Code is
9 amended to add the following streets:

10 Arden Drive from Banister Lane to Jinx Avenue.

11 Banbury Bend from Philco Drive to Sylvan Glade.

12 Birchwood Court from Gillis Street to end of Birchwood Court.

13 Brighton Road from Green Forest Drive to end of Brighton Road.

14 Calais Court from St. Georges Green to end of Calais Court.

15 Camelot Circle from Brighton Road to end of Camelot Circle.

16 Casey Street from Mount Vernon Drive to end of Casey Street.

17 Clawson Road from South Forest Drive to end of Clawson Road.

18 Crown Drive from Clawson Road to end of Crown Drive.

19 Diane Drive from Redd Street to end of Diane Drive.

20 Enchanted Lane from Ilansing Drive to South Forest Drive.

21 Everglade Drive from Philco Drive to Forestglade Drive.

22 Fair Oaks Drive from Manchaca Road to Calais Court.

23 Falcon Cove from Richmond Avenue to end of Falcon Cove.

1 Forest Hill Drive from Manchaca Road to Philco Drive.

2 Forestglade Drive from Manchaca Road to Philco Drive.

3 Gillis Street from Ben White Boulevard to Green Forest Drive.

4 Gladeview Drive from Lansing Drive to South Forest Drive.

5 Glencoe Circle from Lansing Drive to end of Glencoe Circle.

6 Glenhaven from Everglade Drive to end of Glenhaven.

7 Green Forest Drive from Clawson Road to Mount Vernon Drive.

8 Hank Avenue from Marcy Street to Jinx Avenue.

9 Hawk Cove from Richmond Avenue to end of Hawk Cove.

10 Inverness Boulevard from Manchaca Road to Kings Highway.

11 Jentsch Court from Manchaca Road to end of Jentsch Court.

12 Jester Drive from Redd Street to end of Jester Drive.

13 Jinx Avenue from Arden Drive to end of Jinx Avenue.

14 Lansing Drive from Manchaca Road to Richmond Avenue.

15 Lark Cove from Richmond Avenue to end of Lark Cove.

16 Majestic Drive from Lansing Drive to Gladeview Drive.

17 Marcy Street from Banister Lane to Jinx Avenue.

18 Merle Drive from Ben White Boulevard to end of Merle Drive.

19 Mount Vernon Drive from Green Forest Drive to end of Mount Vernon Drive.

20 Nalide Street from Jinx Avenue to Nalide Street.

1 Orleans Court from Kings Highway to end of Orleans Court.
2 Parkdale Place from Clawson Road to end of Parkdale Place.
3 Philco Drive from Mount Vernon Drive end of Philco Drive.
4 Philco Drive from Lansing Drive to Hank Avenue.
5 Plateau Circle from Mount Vernon Drive to end of Plateau Circle.
6 Randy Circle from Brighton Road to end of Randy Circle.
7 Redd Street from Manchaca Road to end of Redd Street.
8 Richmond Avenue from Lansing Drive to Banister Lane.
9 Russell Drive from Manchaca Road to Crown Drive.
10 South Forest Drive from Philco Drive to Clawson Road.
11 St. Albans Boulevard from Manchaca Road to St. Georges Green.
12 St. Elmo Road from Mount Vernon Drive to Vinson Drive.
13 St. Georges Green from Galais Court to end of St. Georges Green.
14 Sylvan Glade from Clawson Road to Banbury Bend.
15 Sylvandale Drive from Lansing Drive to South Forest Drive.

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

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

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

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3 **PASSED AND APPROVED**

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7 _____, 2006

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Will Wynn
Mayor

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12 **APPROVED:**

13 David Allan Smith
14 City Attorney

ATTEST:

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk

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