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Public Works

ITEM No. 15

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 the area bounded by Barton Springs Road, Robert E Lee Road, Rabb Road, Rae Dell Avenue, Barton Skyway, and South Lamar Boulevard.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$4,500 is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 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 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 Barton Springs Road, Robert E. Lee Road, Rabb Road, Rae Dell Avenue, Barton Skyway, and South Lamar Boulevard 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 Rabb Road from Melridge Place to Rabb Glen Street, Bluebonnet Lane from South Lamar Boulevard to Kerr Street, Kerr Street from Garner Avenue to Bluebonnet Lane, Dickson Drive from South Lamar Boulevard to its end, Skyway Circle from Barton Skyway to its end, Lamar Square Drive from South Lamar Boulevard to its end, Cinco Street from South Lamar Boulevard to its end, Collier Street from South Lamar Boulevard to Kinney Avenue, Treadwell Street from South Lamar Boulevard to Kinney Avenue, Westhill Drive from Barton Skyway to its end, Melridge Place from Robert E. Lee to Ashby Avenue, and Barton Village Circle from Westhill Drive to its end because these streets are wider than thirty five feet. Other exceptions are Robert E. Lee Road from Barton Springs Road to Melridge Place, Barton Boulevard from Barton Springs Road to Linscomb Avenue, Kinney Avenue from Barton Springs Road to Virginia Avenue, Juliet Street from South Lamar Boulevard to Josephine Street, Heather Street from South Lamar Boulevard to Kinney Avenue, and Rundell Place from Bluebonnet Lane to Ann Arbor Avenue because these streets have extensive parking restrictions. None of these ineligible sections of streets are 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:

Allwood Drive from Blue Crest Drive to its end Anita Drive from Goodrich Avenue to Bluebonnet Lane Ann Arbor Avenue from La Casa Drive to Ford Street Arpdale Street from Bluebonnet Lane to Rae Dell Avenue Ashby Avenue from Kinney Avenue to its end Barton Boulevard from Linscomb Avenue to Kerr Street Bauerle Avenue from Kinney Avenue to Goodrich Avenue Blue Crest Drive from Goodrich Avenue to Bluebonnet Lane Bluff Street from Josephine Street to South Lamar Boulevard Burford Place from Ashby Avenue to Melridge Place Cater Drive from Virginia Avenue to Meghan Lane Cliff Drive from Linscomb Avenue to Sunset View Collier Street from Kinney Avenue to Bluebonnet Lane De Verne Street from Bluebonnet Lane to Rabb Road Dexter Street from Lund Street to its end Dywer Avenue from Folts Avenue to Kinney Avenue Ethel Street from Treadwell Street to Juliet Street Folts Avenue from Treadwell Street to Ashby Avenue Ford Street from Goodrich Avenue to its end Frazier Avenue from Goodrich Avenue to Bluebonnet Lane Garner Avenue from Linscomb Avenue to Nash Avenue Goodrich Avenue from South Lamar Boulevard to Nash Avenue Hether Street from Kinney Avenue to Bluebonnet Lane Hillmont Street from Josephine Street to its end Holland Avenue from Ann Arbor Avenue to Bluebonnet Lane Jessie Street from Treadwell Street to Hillmont Street Josephine Street from Treadwell Street to Hillmont Street Juliet Street from Josephine Street to Ethel Street Juliet Street from Kinney Avenue to its end Kerr Street from Kinney Avenue to Garner Avenue Kinney Avenue from Virginia Avenue to South Lamar Boulevard La Casa Drive from South Lamar Boulevard to Rae Dell Avenue Linscomb Avenue from Kinney Avenue to Barton Boulevard Lund Street from Robert E. Lee Road to Dexter Street Margaret Street from Kinney Avenue to Folts Avenue Meadowridge Drive from Bluebonnet Lane to Ann Arbor Avenue Meghan Lane from Virginia Avenue to Cater Drive Montclair Street from South Lamar Boulevard to Rae Dell Avenue Nash Avenue from Kinney Avenue to Goodrich Avenue Norris Drive from Rabb Road to Rabb Road Oxford Avenue from South Lamar Boulevard to Hether Street Oxford Avenue from Collier Street to Dywer Avenue Paramount Avenue from Rundell Place to La Casa Drive Peach Tree Street from Bluebonnet Lane to Norris Drive Rabb Glen Street from Rabb Road to Goodrich Avenue Rae Dell Avenue from Barton Skyway to Rabb Glen Street Rundell Place from Ann Arbor Avenue to Rabb Road Spillman Street from Folts Avenue to Dywer Avenue Spoffard Street from Kerr Street to Barton Boulevard Sunset View from Barton Boulevard to Cliff Drive Treadwell Street from Kinney Avenue to Folts Avenue Valeria Street from Kinney Avenue to Goodrich Avenue Virginia Avenue from Kinney Avenue to Cliff Drive Wright Street from Bluebonnet Lane to its end

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 BOUND BY BARTON SPRINGS ROAD, ROBERT E. LEE ROAD,
4 RABB ROAD, RAE DELL AVENUE, BARTON SKYWAY AND SOUTH LAMAR
5 BOULEVARD.
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7 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:
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9 PART 1. Section 12-4-24 (*Maximum Speed of 25 Miles Per Hour*) of the City Code is
10 amended to add the following streets:

11 Allwood Drive from Blue Crest Drive to its end.

12 Anita Drive from Goodrich Avenue to Bluebonnet Lane.

13 Ann Arbor Avenue from La Casa Drive to Ford Street.

14 Arpdale Street from Bluebonnet Lane to Rae Dell Avenue.

15 Ashby Avenue from Kinney Avenue to its end.

16 Barton Boulevard from Linscomb Avenue to Kerr Street.

17 Bauerle Avenue from Kinney Avenue to Goodrich Avenue.

18 Blue Crest Drive from Goodrich Avenue to Bluebonnet Lane.

19 Bluff Street from Josephine Street to South Lamar Boulevard.

20 Burford Place from Ashby Avenue to Melridge Place.

21 Cater Drive from Virginia Avenue to Meghan Lane.

22 Cliff Drive from Linscomb Avenue to Sunset View.

23 Collier Street from Kinney Avenue to Bluebonnet Lane.

1 De Verne Street from Bluebonnet Lane to Rabb Road.

2 Dexter Street from Lund Street to its end.

3 Dywer Avenue from Folts Avenue to Kinney Avenue.

4 Ethel Street from Treadwell Street to Juliet Street.

5 Folts Avenue from Treadwell Street to Ashby Avenue.

6 Ford Street from Goodrich Avenue to its end.

7 Frazier Avenue from Goodrich Avenue to Bluebonnet Lane.

8 Garner Avenue from Linscomb Avenue to Nash Avenue.

9 Goodrich Avenue from South Lamar Boulevard to Nash Avenue.

10 Hether Street from Kinney Avenue to Bluebonnet Lane.

11 Hillmont Street from Josephine Street to its end.

12 Holland Avenue from Ann Arbor Avenue to Bluebonnet Lane.

13 Jessie Street from Treadwell Street to Hillmont Street.

14 ~~Josephine Street from Treadwell Street to Hillmont Street.~~

15 ~~Juliet Street from Josephine Street to Ethel Street.~~

16 ~~Juliet Street from Kinney Avenue to its end.~~

17 ~~Kerr Street from Kinney Avenue to Garner Avenue.~~

18 Kinney Avenue from Virginia Avenue to South Lamar Boulevard.

19 La Casa Drive from South Lamar Boulevard to Rae Dell Avenue.

20 Linscomb Avenue from Kinney Avenue to Barton Boulevard.

1 Lund Street from Robert E. Lee Road to Dexter Street.

2 Margaret Street from Kinney Avenue to Folts Avenue.

3 Meadowridge Drive from Bluebonnet Lane to Ann Arbor Avenue.

4 Meghan Lane from Virginia Avenue to Cater Drive.

5 Montclair Street from South Lamar Boulevard to Rae Dell Avenue.

6 Nash Avenue from Kinney Avenue to Goodrich Avenue.

7 Norris Drive from Rabb Road to Rabb Road.

8 Oxford Avenue from South Lamar Boulevard to Hether Street.

9 Oxford Avenue from Collier Street to Dywer Avenue.

10 Paramount Avenue from Rundell Place to La Casa Drive.

11 Peach Tree Street from Bluebonnet Lane to Norris Drive.

12 Rabb Glen Street from Rabb Road to Goodrich Avenue.

13 Rae Dell Avenue from Barton Skyway to Rabb Glen Street.

14 Rundell Place from Ann Arbor Avenue to Rabb Road.

15 Spillman Street from Folts Avenue to Dywer Avenue.

16 Spoffard Street from Kerr Street to Barton Boulevard.

17 Sunset View from Barton Boulevard to Cliff Drive.

18 Treadwell Street from Kinney Avenue to Folts Avenue.

19 Valeria Street from Kinney Avenue to Goodrich Avenue.

1 Virginia Avenue from Kinney Avenue to Cliff Drive.

2 Wright Street from Bluebonnet Lane to its end.

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

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

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

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12 **PASSED AND APPROVED**

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16 _____, 2006

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Will Wynn
Mayor

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21 **APPROVED:**

22 David Allan Smith
23 City Attorney

ATTEST:

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk