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**Public Works
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

ITEM No. 17

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 Sunset Trail and West Wind Trail.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$600 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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Ordinance

For More Information: Richard Kroger, 974-7219, Thomas Kennerly, 974-7246, 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

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 Westgate Boulevard, Jones Road, Reese Drive, and South Lamar Boulevard Service Road Northbound. Two of the three streets in this area are eligible under State law for a 25 mile per hour speed limit. The exception is Windswept Cove from Westgate Boulevard to its end because it is wider than 35 feet.

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:

Sunset Trail from Jones Road to Lamar Boulevard Service Road Northbound West Wind Trail from Jones Road to Westgate Boulevard

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 SUNSET TRAIL FROM JONES ROAD TO SOUTH LAMAR BOULEVARD SERVICE ROAD NORTHBOUND, AND WEST WIND TRAIL FROM JONES ROAD TO WEST GATE 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 the following streets:

Sunset Trail from Jones Road to South Lamar Boulevard Service Road Northbound.

West Wind Trail from Jones Road to West Gate Boulevard.

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

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

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

PASSED AND APPROVED

_____, 2006

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Will Wynn
Mayor

APPROVED: _____
David Allan Smith
City Attorney

ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk