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**Public Works  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**ITEM No. 24**

**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 Walnut Crossing Neighborhood bounded by Parmer Lane (FM 734) to the north, Duval Road to the south, Amherst Drive to the west, and Loop 1 (MoPac Expressway) (North) West Frontage Road to the east

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$2,090 is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 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**  
(click to open)  
 Ordinance

**For More Information:** Samileh Mozafari 974-7010, Henry Usher 974-7038, Laura Bohl 974-7064.

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

The Public Works Staff recommends that the City Council lower the speed limit along the residential streets in the Walnut Crossing Neighborhood, which is generally bounded by Parmer Lane (FM 734) to the north, Duval Road to the south, Amherst Drive to the west, and Loop 1 (MoPac Expressway) (North) West Frontage Road to the east. Most of the streets within the area are eligible under state law for a 25-mile per hour speed limit. The exceptions are Adelphi Lane from Amherst Drive to 475 feet east of Amherst Drive, Amherst Drive and Scribe Drive, because these streets are wider than 35 feet. They are not included in the recommended Code changes. Please delete the following paragraph: 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.

Walnut Crossing Neighborhood Adelphi Lane from 475 feet east of Amherst Drive to Waters Park Road, Amalfi Cove from Adelphi Lane to end of Amalfi Cove, Ambleside Drive from Grimsley Drive to Forsythe Drive, Canter Lane from Scribe Drive to Leaf Lane, Cookstown Drive from Gable Drive to Havelock Drive, Danny Drive from Scribe Drive to end of Danny Drive, Dugan Drive from Amherst Drive to Grimsley Drive, Forsythe Drive from Grimsley Drive to Scribe Drive, Gable Drive from Amherst Drive to Adelphi Lane, Grimsley Drive from Scribe Drive to Havelock Drive, Havelock Drive from Amherst Drive to Gable Drive, Leaf Circle from Leaf Lane to end of Leaf Circle, Leaf Lane from Scribe Drive to end of Leaf Lane, O'Neal Lane from Waters Park Road to Loop 1 (MoPac Expressway) West Frontage Road, Peddle Path from Scribe Drive to end of Peddle Path, Scotch Broom Drive from Forsythe Drive to Scribe Drive, Spaniel Drive from Scribe Drive to Danny Drive, Stony Drive from Canter Lane to end of Stony Drive, Tipperary Cove from Gable Drive to end of Tipperary Cove, Tyrone Drive from Grimsley Drive to Forsythe Drive, Waters Park Road from Loop 1 (MoPac Expressway) West Frontage Road to end of Waters Park Road

**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 CERTAIN STREETS WITHIN THE WALNUT CROSSING NEIGHBORHOOD AREA BOUND BY PARMER LANE, DUVAL ROAD, AMHERST DRIVE, AND LOOP 1 (MOPAC EXPRESSWAY) (NORTH) WEST FRONTAGE ROAD.**

**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:

Adelphi Lane from 475 feet east of Amherst Drive to Waters Park Road.

Amalfi Cove from Adelphi Lane to end of Amalfi Cove.

Ambleside Drive from Grimsley Drive to Forsythe Drive.

Canter Lane from Scribe Drive to Leaf Lane.

Cookstown Drive from Gable Drive to Havelock Drive.

Danny Drive from Scribe Drive to end of Danny Drive.

Dugan Drive from Amherst Drive to Grimsley Drive.

Forsythe Drive from Grimsley Drive to Scribe Drive.

Gable Drive from Amherst Drive to Adelphi Lane.

Grimsley Drive from Scribe Drive to Havelock Drive.

Havelock Drive from Amherst Drive to Gable Drive.

Leaf Circle from Leaf Lane to end of Leaf Circle.

Leaf Lane from Scribe Drive to end of Leaf Lane.

O'Neal Lane from Waters Park Road to Loop 1 (MoPac Expressway) West Frontage Road.

Peddle Path from Scribe Drive to end of Peddle Path.

1 Scotch Broom Drive from Forsythe Drive to Scribe Drive.

2 Spaniel Drive from Scribe Drive to Danny Drive.

3 Stony Drive from Canter Lane to end of Stony Drive.

4 Tipperary Cove from Gable Drive to end of Tipperary Cove.

5 Tyrone Drive from Grimsley Drive to Forsythe Drive.

6 Waters Park Road from Loop 1 (MoPac Expressway) West Frontage Road to end  
7 of Waters Park Road.

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

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

15 **PART 4.** This ordinance takes effect on \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.

16 **PASSED AND APPROVED**

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18 §  
19 §  
20 \_\_\_\_\_, 2006 § \_\_\_\_\_  
21 Will Wynn  
22 Mayor  
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25 **APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
26 David Allan Smith  
27 City Attorney

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Shirley A. Gentry  
City Clerk