

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA



Thursday, January 11, 2007

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Public Works RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

ITEM No 29

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 Hyde Park Neighborhood area, bounded by Guadalupe Street, 38th Street, East 51st Street, Red River Street, and the Austin and NW Railroad Line

Amount and Source of Funding Funding in the amount of \$10,800 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

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Ordinance

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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.

The Hyde Park Neighborhood Association has requested that the City Council lower the speed limit along the residential streets in the area bounded by Guadalupe Street, 38th Street, E 51st Street, Red River Street and the Austin and NW Railroad Line. Most of the streets within the area are eligible under state law for a 25 mile per hour speed limit. The exceptions are Avenue A from W 45th Street to the north end of Avenue A, Avenue B from W 39th Street to W 45th Street, Avenue G from E 40th Street to E 45th Street, W 40th Street from Guadalupe Street to Speedway, E 40th Street from Speedway to Avenue G, W 43rd Street from Guadalupe Street to Speedway, E 43rd Street from Speedway to Duval Street, Speedway from 38th Street to 45th Street, and Duval Street from E 38th Street to E 51st Street because these streets are wider than 35 feet, W 45th Street from Guadalupe Street to Speedway, E 45th Street from Speedway to Airport Boulevard, W 46th Street from Guadalupe Street to Speedway, W 38 1/2 Street from Speedway to Avenue B, Red River Street from E 45th Street to E 45 1/2 Street, and E 46th Street from Speedway to Avenue H due to parking restrictions. 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 limit of 25 miles per hour:

Avenue A from W 40th Street to W 45th Street, Avenue B from W 38th Street to W 39th Street, Avenue B from W 45th Street to end of Avenue B, Avenue C from W 39th Street to end of Avenue C, Avenue D from W 39th Street to end of Avenue D, Avenue F from E 38th Street to E 51st Street, Avenue G from E 38th Street to E 40th Street, Avenue G from E 45th Street to E 51st Street, Avenue H from E 38th Street to E 51st Street, W 38 1/2 Street from Avenue B to Guadalupe Street, E 38 1/2 Street from Peck Avenue to

Duval Street, W 39th Street from Guadalupe Street to Speedway, E 39th Street from Speedway to Peck Avenue, E 40th Street from Avenue G to Peck Avenue, W 41st Street from Guadalupe Street to Speedway, E 41st Street from Speedway to end of E 41st Street, E 41st Street from Duval Street to Red River Street, W 42nd Street from Guadalupe Street to Speedway, E 42nd Street from Speedway to Duval Street, E 42nd Street from Duval Street to Peck Avenue, E 43rd Street from Duval Street to Caswell Avenue, W 44th Street from Guadalupe Street to Speedway, E 44th Street from Speedway to end of E 44th Street, E 44th Street from Eilers Avenue to Red River Street, E 45½ Street from Eilers Avenue to Red River Street, E 46th Street from Duval Street to east end of E 46th Street, E 47th Street from Bennett Avenue to Rowena Street, E 48th Street from Eilers Avenue to Rowena Street, E 48th Street from Rowena Street to west end of E 48th Street, E 48th Street from Caswell Avenue to Red River Street, E 48½ Street from Rowena Street to Avenue F, E 49th Street from Red River Street to end of E 49th Street, E 50th Street from Caswell Avenue to end of E 50th Street, E 50½ Street from Rowena Street to Avenue F, Barrow Avenue from E 45th Street to end of Barrow Avenue, Barrow Avenue from E 43rd Street to E 41st Street, Bennett Avenue from E 45th Street to Clarkson Avenue, Caswell Avenue from E 42nd Street to E 51st Street, Clarkson Avenue from Bennett Avenue to E 51st Street, Depew Avenue from Clarkson Avenue to E 45th Street, Eilers Avenue from E 43rd Street to Keasbey Street, Eilers Avenue from E 45th Street to Fairfield Lane, Eilers Avenue from E 50th Street to E 51st Street, Evans Avenue from Fairfield Lane to south end of Evans Avenue, Evans Avenue from E 50th Street to E 51st Street, Fairfield Lane from Evans Avenue to Eilers Avenue, Keasbey Street from Eilers Avenue to Red River Street, Martin Avenue from E 50th Street to E 51st Street, Park Boulevard from Duval Street to Red River Street, Red River Street from E 45½ Street to Clarkson Avenue, Peck Avenue from E 38th Street to E 42nd Street, Rowena Street from E 51st Street to E 47th Street, Speedway from 45th Street to north end of Speedway, Towne Park Trail from Avenue H to E 40th Street

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 HYDE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD AREA BOUND BY GUADALUPE STREET, 38TH STREET, 51ST STREET (EAST), RED RIVER STREET AND THE AUSTIN AND NW RAILROAD LINE.

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

Avenue A from 40th Street (West) to 45th Street (West)

Avenue B from 38th Street (West) to 39th Street (West)

Avenue B from 45th Street (West) to the end north of 46th Street (West) ending at the University of Texas Intramural Fields

Avenue C from 39th Street (West) to the end north of 46th Street (West) ending at the University of Texas Intramural Fields

Avenue D from 39th Street (West) to the end north of 46th Street (West) ending at the University of Texas Intramural Fields

Avenue F from 38th Street (East) to 51st Street (East)

Avenue G from 38th Street (East) to 40th Street (East)

Avenue G from 45th Street (East) to 51st Street (East)

Avenue H from 38th Street (East) to 51st Street (East)

38th½ Street (West) from Avenue B to Guadalupe Street

38th½ Street (East) from Peck Avenue to Duval Street

39th Street (West) from Guadalupe Street to Speedway

39th Street (East) from Speedway to Peck Avenue

40th Street (East) from Avenue G to Peck Avenue

1 41st Street (West) from Guadalupe Street to Speedway
2 41st Street (East) from Speedway to the end of 41st Street (East)
3 41st Street (East) from Duval Street to Red River Street
4 42nd Street (West) from Guadalupe Street to Speedway
5 42nd Street (East) from Speedway to Duval Street
6 42nd Street (East) from Duval Street to Peck Avenue
7 43rd Street (East) from Duval Street to Caswell Avenue
8 44th Street (West) from Guadalupe Street to Speedway
9 44th Street (East) from Speedway to the end of 44th Street (East)
10 44th Street (East) from Eilers Avenue to Red River Street
11 45th½ Street (East) from Eilers Avenue to Red River Street
12 46th Street (East) from Duval Street to the east end of 46th Street (East)
13 47th Street (East) from Bennett Avenue to Rowena Street
14 48th Street (East) from Eilers Avenue to Rowena Street
15 48th Street (East) from Rowena Street to the west end of 48th Street (East)
16 48th Street (East) from Caswell Avenue to Red River Street
17 48th½ Street (East) from Rowena Street to Avenue F
18 49th Street (East) from Red River Street to the end of 49th Street (East)
19 50th Street (East) from Caswell Avenue to the end of 50th Street (East)
20 50th½ Street (East) from Rowena Street to Avenue F
21 Barrow Avenue from 45th Street (East) to the end of Barrow Avenue
22 Barrow Avenue from 43rd Street (East) to 41st Street (East)
23 Bennett Avenue from 45th Street (East) to Clarkson Avenue

1 Caswell Avenue from 42nd Street (East) to 51st Street (East)
2 Clarkson Avenue from Bennett Avenue to 51st Street (East)
3 Depew Avenue from Clarkson Avenue to 45th Street (East)
4 Eilers Avenue from 43rd Street (East) to Keasbey Street
5 Eilers Avenue from 45th Street (East) to Fairfield Lane
6 Eilers Avenue from 50th Street (East) to 51st Street (East)
7 Evans Avenue from Fairfield Lane to the south end of Evans Avenue
8 Evans Avenue from 50th Street (East) to 51st Street (East)
9 Fairfield Lane from Evans Avenue to Eilers Avenue
10 Keasbey Street from Eilers Avenue to Red River Street
11 Martin Avenue from 50th Street (East) to 51st Street (East)
12 Park Boulevard from Duval Street to Red River Street
13 Red River Street from 45th½ Street (East) to Clarkson Avenue
14 Peck Avenue from 38th Street (East) to 42nd Street (East)
15 Rowena Street from 51st Street (East) to 47th Street (East)
16 Speedway from 45th Street to the end north of 46th Street (West) ending at the
17 University of Texas Intramural Fields
18 Towne Park Trail from Avenue H to 40th Street (East)

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20 **PART 2.** The City Council finds that the prima facie speed limit previously applicable to
21 the streets, or portions of streets, identified in Part 1 of this ordinance is unreasonable or
22 unsafe, and the reduction in speed limit on these streets will reduce the potential for
23 vehicle-pedestrian accidents
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25 **PART 3.** The amendments made in this ordinance shall be incorporated in alphabetical
26 order and the existing subsections renumbered accordingly

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2 **PART 4.** This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2007

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4 **PASSED AND APPROVED**

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Will Wynn
Mayor

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13 **APPROVED:**

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David Allan Smith
City Attorney

15 **ATTEST:**

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Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk