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**ORDINANCE NO.**

**AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATING TO SPEED AND SPEEDING IN AUSTIN; AMENDING THE TABLE OF SPEED LIMITS ON CERTAIN ENUMERATED STREETS; AND MODIFYING SPEED LIMITS ACCORDINGLY.**

**PART 1. FINDINGS.**

- A. In November 2014, City Council created a [Vision Zero Task Force](#) to develop an Action Plan to achieve zero traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries.
- B. In May 2016, City Council adopted the [2016-2018 Action Plan](#) (Action Plan) and incorporated it into the “Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan.” The Action Plan mentions “speed” or “speeding” over 100 times throughout the document, and states that since risk of injury and fatalities increase as speeds increase, it is imperative to regulate traffic speeds in a way to lower that risk.
- C. The City Council adopted the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (ASMP) in April 2019, reaffirming its commitment to the Vision Zero policy to “prioritize the protection of human life over all else in the planning, design, and operation of Austin’s transportation network.” The ASMP also includes an implementation plan to “develop a comprehensive data-driven approach to speed management to evaluate systemwide speeds and make recommendations for reforming speed setting methodology,” among other actions.
- D. In May 2019, the State of Texas Transportation Commission (TTC), whose members are appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the Texas Senate, [adopted a goal](#) of zero traffic deaths by 2050 and a goal to reduce the number of deaths in half by 2035. To this end, the TTC ordered the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to develop and implement strategies required to reduce the number of deaths on Texas roadways.
- E. TxDOT’s [Strategic Highway Safety Plan](#) includes “Speeding” and “Pedestrian Safety” as two emphasis areas with a number of specific strategies, and includes one strategy that overlaps both: “[e]ncourage use of target speeds for arterial, collector, and local roadways; encourage use of target speeds with pedestrian, land use and roadway context, including options for target speeds of 35 mph or less on arterials and the evaluation of existing speed limits to appropriate target

38 speeds” with increased safety for all road users and reduction of injury and  
39 fatalities as the ultimate goal.

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- 41 F. Engineering studies conducted by the City Traffic Engineer support the  
42 conclusion that the current posted speeds throughout the City are unreasonable  
43 and unsafe given the number of incidents of traffic-related injuries and deaths the  
44 community experiences, and the speed limits contained herein reflect the safe and  
45 prudent speeds as demonstrated by engineering studies.
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- 47 G. Council’s current action, related to speed limit modifications, represents the  
48 implementation of strategies specifically endorsed by the State’s plans that  
49 encourage local jurisdictions to take action toward our collective transportation  
50 safety goals in Texas, and also reflect the direct alignment of State and City goals  
51 towards zero deaths on Texas roadways.
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53 **PART 2.** City Code Section 12-4-64(D) (*Table of Speed Limits*) is amended to delete the  
54 following street sections from the list of streets with the corresponding maximum speeds:

55 [~~35th Street (West) from Balcones Drive to 38th Street (West). (35 MPH)~~]

56 [~~Bluff Springs Road from William Cannon Drive (East) to 200 feet south of Blue  
57 Meadow Drive. (45 MPH)~~]

58 [~~Brodie Lane from 300 feet south of Alexandria Drive to Slaughter Lane (West).  
59 (45 MPH)~~]

60 [~~Cameron Road from Park Center Drive to Rundberg Lane (East). (45 MPH)~~]

61 [~~Canyon Ridge Drive from IH 35 (North) East Frontage Road to Tech Ridge  
62 Boulevard. (40 MPH)~~]

63 [~~Center Line Pass from Center Ridge Drive to Howard Lane. (40 MPH)~~]

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65 [~~Dessau Road from Rundberg Lane (East) to 580 feet north of Brighton Lane. (45  
66 MPH)~~]

67 [~~Escarpment Boulevard from William Cannon Drive (West) to Isaac Pryor Drive.  
68 (40 MPH)~~]

69 [~~Far West Boulevard from Loop 1 (MoPac Expressway) (North) West Frontage  
70 Road to Chimney Corners. (35 MPH)~~]

- 71 [~~Four Points Drive from R.M. 620 to River Place Boulevard. (45 MPH)~~]
- 72 [~~Gracy Farms Lane from Metric Boulevard to Loop 1 (MoPac Expressway)~~  
73 [~~(North) East Frontage Road. (40 MPH)~~]
- 74 [~~Great Hills Trail from U.S. 183 to Loop 360 (Capital of Texas Highway) (North).~~  
75 [~~(35 MPH)~~]
- 76 [~~Great Hills Trail from U.S. 183 to Stonelake Boulevard. (35 MPH)~~]
- 77 [~~Harris Branch Parkway from 700 feet north of Farmhaven Road to Parmer Lane.~~  
78 [~~(50 MPH)~~]
- 79 [~~Howard Lane from I.H. 35 (North) West Frontage Road to Dessau Road. (50~~  
80 [~~MPH)~~]
- 81 [~~Jollyville Road from Great Hills Trail to U.S. 183. (45 MPH)~~]
- 82 [~~Jollyville Road, from Loop 360/U.S. 183 access road (Adolph Alley) to Business~~  
83 [~~Park Drive. (35 MPH)~~]
- 84 [~~Kramer Lane from Lamar Boulevard (North) (800 block) to Burnet Road (2400~~  
85 [~~block). (40 MPH)~~]
- 86 [~~Lake Creek Parkway from U.S. 183 to R.M. 620. (40 MPH)~~]
- 87 [~~McCallen Pass from Parmer Lane to Howard Lane. (50 MPH)~~]
- 88 [~~McKinney Falls Parkway from Burleson Road to U.S. 183. (55 MPH)~~]
- 89 [~~McNeil Drive from U.S. 183 to Parmer Lane. (45 MPH)~~]
- 90 [~~Metric Boulevard from Scofield Lane to Staton Drive. (45 MPH)~~]
- 91 [~~Metric Boulevard from Staton Drive to Howard Lane. (50 MPH)~~]
- 92 [~~Metro Center Drive from Riverside Drive (East) to the end of Metro Center Drive.~~  
93 [~~(40 MPH)~~]
- 94 [~~Old Bee Caves from U.S. 290/S.H. 71(West) to the Austin City Limits Line~~  
95 [~~(2,075 feet from S.H. 71). (40 MPH)~~]
- 96 [~~Payton Gin Road from U.S. 183 East Frontage Road to Lamar Boulevard (North).~~  
97 [~~(35 MPH)~~]
- 98 [~~Pond Springs Road from Hunters Chase Drive to U.S. 183 (Frontage Road)~~  
99 [~~(Northbound) (north intersection). (40 MPH)~~]

- 100 [Pond Springs Road from U.S. 183 (Frontage Road) (Northbound) to Hunters  
101 Chase Drive. (40 MPH)]
- 102 [Rutherford Lane from U.S. 183 (Anderson Lane) (East) to I.H. 35 (North) East  
103 Frontage Road. (40 MPH)]
- 104 [Rutland Drive from 200 feet east of Golden Meadow Drive to Burnet Road. (40  
105 MPH)]
- 106 [Slaughter Lane (East) from 1,500 feet east of I.H. 35 East Frontage Road to  
107 Brandt Road/City Limit. (45 MPH)]
- 108 [Slaughter Lane (West) from 1,500 feet east of I.H. 35 (South) East Frontage Road  
109 to Brandt Road. (55 MPH)]
- 110 [Slaughter Lane (West) from Brasher Drive to Escarpment Boulevard. (45 MPH)]
- 111 [Slaughter Lane (West) from Manchaca Road to Brasher Drive. (40 MPH)]
- 112 [Slaughter Lane (West) from Manchaca Road to 1,500 feet east of I.H. 35 (South)  
113 East Frontage Road. (45 MPH)]
- 114 [Southwest Parkway from Boston Lane to 0.2 miles east of Travis Cook Road  
115 (Austin City Limits). (55 MPH)]
- 116 [Southwest Parkway from Loop 1 (MoPac Expressway) (South) West Frontage  
117 Road to Boston Lane. (50 MPH)]
- 118 [Stassney Lane (East) from Congress Avenue (South) to I.H. 35 (South) West  
119 Frontage Road. (45 MPH)]
- 120 [Stassney Lane (East) from Teri Road to 1,200 feet south of Burleson Road. (50  
121 MPH)]
- 122 [Stonelake Boulevard from Loop 360 (Capital of Texas Highway) (North) to  
123 Braker Lane (West). (45 MPH)]
- 124 [Tech Ridge Boulevard from Canyon Ridge to Parmer Lane. (45 MPH)]
- 125 [Teri Road from I.H. 35 (South) East Frontage Road to Nuckols Crossing Road.  
126 (35 MPH)]
- 127 [Tuscany Way from U.S. 290 to 2,500 feet north of U.S. 290. (40 MPH)]
- 128 [Vega Avenue from Southwest Parkway to William Cannon Drive (West). (45  
129 MPH)]

130 ~~[Vega Avenue from Southwest Parkway to William Cannon Drive (West). (45 MPH)]~~  
131 ~~[West Gate Boulevard from U.S. 290 to Slaughter Lane. (35 MPH)]~~  
132 ~~[Wilson Parke Avenue from R.M. 620 to Woodbay Parke Drive. (50 MPH)]~~

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134 **PART 4.** City Code Section 12-4-64(D) (*Table of Speed Limits*) is amended to add the  
135 following street sections to the list of streets with the corresponding maximum speeds:

136 35th Street (West) from Loop 1 (MoPac Expressway) (North) West Frontage Road  
137 to 38th Street (West). (35 MPH)

138 Ben Garza Lane from Brodie Lane to Loop 1 (MoPac Expressway) (South). (35  
139 MPH)

140 Bluff Springs Road from William Cannon Drive (East) to 200 feet south of Blue  
141 Meadow Drive. (35 MPH)

142 Bradshaw Road from River Plantation Drive to Austin City Limits Line north of  
143 Kleberg Trail. (40 MPH)

144 Brodie Lane from 300 feet south of Alexandria Drive to Slaughter Lane (West). (40  
145 MPH)

146 Brodie Lane from F.M. 1626 to Austin City Limits Line 185 feet north of Sunland  
147 Drive. (40 MPH)

148 Burleson Road from U.S. 183 to F.M. 973. (45 MPH)

149 Cameron Road from Park Center Drive to Rundberg Lane (East). (40 MPH)

150 Canyon Ridge Drive (West) from IH-35 (North) East Frontage Road to Tech Ridge  
151 Boulevard. (35 MPH)

152 Center Lake Drive from Howard Lane (East) to Parmer Lane (East). (40 MPH)

153 Center Line Pass from Center Ridge Drive to Howard Lane (West). (35 MPH)

154 City Park Road from F.M. 2222 to Austin City Limits Line west of Bridge Point  
155 Parkway. (35 MPH)

156 Dessau Road from Meadowmear Drive to Bradbury Lane. (50 MPH)

157 Dessau Road from Rundberg Lane (East) to Meadowmear Drive. (40 MPH)

158 Escarpment Boulevard from Davis Lane to William Cannon Drive (West). (35  
159 MPH)

160 Escarpment Boulevard from Slaughter Lane (West) to Davis Lane. (40 MPH)  
161 Four Points Drive from R.M. 620 to River Place Boulevard. (40 MPH)  
162 Gracy Farms Lane from Metric Boulevard to Loop 1 (MoPac Expressway) (North)  
163 East Frontage Road. (35 MPH)  
164 Harris Branch Parkway from 700 feet north of Farmhaven Road to Parmer Lane  
165 (East). (40 MPH)  
166 Harris Branch Parkway from Parmer Lane (East) to Gregg Lane. (40 MPH)  
167 Howard Lane (East) from I.H. 35 (North) West Frontage Road to Immanuel Road.  
168 (45 MPH)  
169 Howard Lane from I.H. 35 (North) West Frontage Road to Dessau Road. (45 MPH)  
170 Jollyville Road from Balcones Woods Drive to Great Hills Trail. (40 MPH)  
171 Jollyville Road from Barrington Way to Balcones Woods Drive. (45 MPH)  
172 Kramer Lane from Lamar Boulevard (North) to Burnet Road. (35 MPH)  
173 Lake Creek Parkway from U.S. 183 to R.M. 620. (35 MPH)  
174 Lakeline Mall Drive from U.S. 183 (North) (Research Boulevard) to terminus east  
175 of Lyndhurst Street. (35 MPH)  
176 McCallen Pass from Parmer Lane (East) to Howard Lane. (45 MPH)  
177 McKinney Falls Parkway from Burleson Road to U.S. 183. (40 MPH)  
178 McNeil Drive from U.S. 183 to Parmer Lane (West). (40 MPH)  
179 Metric Boulevard from Scofield Lane to Staton Drive. (40 MPH)  
180 Metric Boulevard from Staton Drive to Howard Lane. (40 MPH)  
181 Metro Center Drive from Riverside Drive (East) to the end of Metro Center Drive.  
182 (35 MPH)  
183 Old Bee Caves Road from U.S. 290/S.H. 71 (West) to Austin City Limits Line. (35  
184 MPH)  
185 Pearce Lane from Ross Road to Welsh Way. (40 MPH)  
186 Pond Springs Road from U.S. 183 (Frontage Road) (Northbound) (south  
187 intersection) to U.S. 183 (Frontage Road) (Northbound) (north intersection). (35  
188 MPH)

- 189 Ross Road from Pearce Lane to Austin City Limits Line north of Gilwell Drive. (35  
190 MPH)
- 191 Rutherford Lane from U.S. 183 (Anderson Lane) (East) to I.H. 35 (North) East  
192 Frontage Road. (35 MPH)
- 193 Rutland Drive from 200 feet east of Golden Meadow Drive to Burnet Road. (35  
194 MPH)
- 195 Slaughter Lane (East) from 1,500 feet east of I.H. 35 East Frontage Road to Brandt  
196 Road/City Limit. (40 MPH)
- 197 Slaughter Lane (West) from Brodie Lane to 1,500 feet east of I.H. 35 (South) East  
198 Frontage Road. (40 MPH)
- 199 Slaughter Lane (West) from Escarpment Boulevard to Brodie Lane. (45 MPH)
- 200 Southwest Parkway from Loop 1 (MoPac Expressway) (South) West Frontage Road  
201 to 0.2 miles east of Travis Cook Road (Austin City Limits). (50 MPH)
- 202 Stassney Lane (East) from Congress Avenue (South) to I.H. 35 (South) West  
203 Frontage Road. (35 MPH)
- 204 Stassney Lane (East) from Teri Road to 1,200 feet south of Burleson Road. (40  
205 MPH)
- 206 Stonehollow Drive from Metric Boulevard (north intersection) to Metric Boulevard  
207 (south Intersection). (35 MPH)
- 208 Stonelake Boulevard from Loop 360 (Capital of Texas Highway) (North) to Braker  
209 Lane (West). (40 MPH)
- 210 Tuscany Way from U.S. 290 to 2,500 feet north of U.S. 290. (35 MPH)
- 211 Vega Avenue from Southwest Parkway to William Cannon Drive (West). (40 MPH)
- 212 West Gate Boulevard from U.S. 290 to William Cannon Drive (West). (35 MPH)
- 213 West Gate Boulevard from Manassas Drive to Slaughter Lane. (35 MPH)
- 214 Wilson Parke Avenue from R.M. 620 to Woodbay Parke Drive. (40 MPH)

215 **PART 5.** The amendments made in this ordinance are based on the results of traffic  
216 engineering investigations, or “speed studies,” attached as Exhibit “A” to this ordinance.

217 **PART 6.** The amendments made in this ordinance shall be incorporated in alphabetical  
218 order in the City Code Section 12-4-64(D) (*Table of Speed Limits*) and the existing  
219 entries reordered accordingly.

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**PART 7.** The City Traffic Engineer shall have the obligation and authority to design, place, and prioritize appropriate signage to implement the changes contained in this ordinance.

**PART 8.** Further amendments to City Code Section 12-4-64(D) (*Table of Speed Limits*) necessary to conform to the requirements of City Code Chapter 12-4 (*Speed Limits*) will be established by separate ordinance.

**PART 9.** This ordinance takes effect on \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

**PASSED AND APPROVED**

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Steve Adler  
Mayor

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

Anne L. Morgan  
City Attorney

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Myrna Rios  
City Clerk