



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading for the City Council Meeting of June 14, 2016  
Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of June 21, 2016

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**DATE:** May 23, 2016

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Amending State Speed Limit in Certain Zones Along  
Shoreline Drive and Ennis Joslin Road

### **CAPTION:**

Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 53, Article VIII, Section 53-254 Schedule V, *Increase of State Speed Limit in Certain Zones* by adding Ennis Joslin from Wooldridge Road to Holly Road and updating North and South Shoreline Boulevard and amending Section 53-255 Schedule VI, *Decrease of State Law Maximum Speed* by removing East Shoreline Boulevard

### **PURPOSE:**

An ordinance amendment will establish speed limits which will allow the motorist to operate a vehicle at a reasonable and safe speed under favorable conditions.

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

Texas Legislative Code Section 545.352. Prima Facie Speed Limits establishes 30 mph as the lawful prima facie speed limit for urban districts within Texas. This means 30 mph is a reasonable and prudent speed to drive at under normal conditions. A municipality has the authority to alter a speed above or below the prima facie speed limit based on an engineering and traffic investigation.

The existing City Ordinance designates the speed limit on Shoreline Blvd from Craig to Power Street is 35MPH. The recently completed Bond 2008 Shoreline Realignment Project closed the three north bound lanes along the seawall realigning the north and south bound lanes from Craig to Lawrence. As a result of the realignment, a traffic study was conducted to determine a safe and reasonable speed. Based on the analysis, it was recommended to reduce the speed limit on Shoreline Blvd from Craig to Lawrence to 30MPH and close the three north bound lanes along the seawall; all other sections of Shoreline Blvd remain unchanged.

To implement the recommended reduced speed limit, an Ordinance Amendment is required removing the section of Shoreline Blvd from Craig to Lawrence from the existing 35MPH speed zone designation in Section 53-254 Schedule V, *Increase of State Speed Limit in Certain Zones*. An Ordinance Amendment is also required to remove the existing signage from the closed sections of Shoreline Blvd as are result of the realignment.

Ennis Joslin Road, from Wooldridge Road to Holly Road, is a new street that was constructed through private development as part of required public improvements for the Dorothy Adkins Middle School. An engineering and traffic investigation was conducted to establish a speed limit for this segment of Ennis Joslin Road. Based on the results of the investigation, a 35 mph speed zone was recommended as the posted speed limit. An ordinance amendment is required to establish this segment as a 35 mph speed zone in Section 53-254 Schedule V, *Increase of State Speed Limit in Certain Zones*.

The City's Transportation Advisory Commission reviewed and recommended approval of the proposed ordinance amendments at their April 25, 2016 meeting.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Denial of the proposed speed limits.

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

Not applicable

**CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:**

The establishment of speed limits conforms to City policy.

**EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:**

Not applicable

**DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:**

City Transportation Advisory Commission, Street Operations

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

- Operating       Revenue       Capital       Not applicable

<b>Fiscal Year 2015-2016</b>	<b>Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Future Years</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item				
BALANCE				

**Comments:** None

**RECOMMENDATION:**

City staff recommends approval of this ordinance amendment.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Presentation  
Ordinance Amendment  
Location Map