



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Transportation Services Division

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DATE: June 17, 2025

SUBJECT

Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton amending chapter 18 “MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC,” ARTICLE III “SPEED OF VEHICLES,” SECTION 18-73 “SPEED LIMITS ON CERTAIN ROADS AND HIGHWAYS” and “SCHOOL ZONES” of The Code of Ordinances of the City of Denton, to change the locations, extent, and speed limits on certain parts of Riney road in the vicinity of future Reeves Elementary School; providing a repealer clause; providing a savings clause; providing a severability clause; providing a penalty clause; providing for publication; providing codification; and providing an effective date.

BACKGROUND

Staff completed the 2022 Citywide Speed Study and made recommendations to Council which were adopted on Dec. 6, 2022. Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) owned roadways require approval by TxDOT prior to making changes to speed limits. Staff has worked with TxDOT and received approval to adjust speed limits on roadways included in the 2022 Citywide Speed Study.

Staff regularly communicates with the Denton Independent School District (DISD) about school zones. The Reeves Elementary School is a new school which will be opened in August 2025 requested the installation of school zone speed limit signs to enhance safety for students and pedestrians. Therefore, staff proposed to implement the school zone speed limit signs on Riney Road to reduce the speed to 20 mph at 300 feet east of North Bonnie Brae Street and 300 feet east of Hardaway Road at the School pick up and drop off hours.

Staff has updated the tables within Chapter 18 “Motor Vehicles and Traffic”, Article III “Speed of Vehicles”, Section 18-73 “Speed Limits on Certain Roads and Highways” in accordance with the results of TxDOT approvals and communications with DISD.

OPTIONS

1. Recommend approval of proposes speed limit changes, and School Zones adjustments.
2. Provided staff with additional direction on the proposed changes.
3. Reject the proposed changes.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the updated tables within Chapter 18 “Motor Vehicles and Traffic”, Article III “Speed of Vehicles”, Section 18-73 “Speed Limits on Certain Roads and Highways” as presented.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF PROJECT

The School Zone Speed Limit signs will be installed 30 days after the City Council approves the ordinance. Additionally, the Denton Police Department will begin enforcing the school zone speed limit on the designated section of Riney Road 30 days after the installation of the signs.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Materials for this project will be funded through the Traffic Operations general operating budget.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 - Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2 - Area Map

Exhibit 3 - Draft Ordinance

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