



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Transportation Services Division

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DATE: January 13, 2026

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, School Zones, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Denton, to change the speed limits of certain parts of Teasley Lane in the vicinity of Sam Houston Elementary School; 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 December 6, 2022. Since the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) oversees roadways, any changes to speed limits require their approval. The staff has collaborated with TxDOT and received approval to adjust speed limits on the roadways included in the 2022 Citywide Speed Study.

In November 2025, Sam Houston Elementary School, Parents and Southridge residents reached out to Transportation Services and the City of Denton Council to request an extension of the school's speed limit zone to the west of Pennsylvania Drive. This extension aims to provide a safe passage for students who walk or bike to school.

After a thorough study, staff recommends extending the school speed limit zone and installing a sign 300 feet west of Pennsylvania during school pick-up and drop-off hours, from 7 AM to 8:00 AM and from 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM, to enhance safety for students.

Therefore, staff has proposed an update to 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 the Denton Independent School District (DISD).

OPTIONS

1. Approve the proposed speed limit changes and School Zones adjustments.
2. Provided staff with additional directions 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 adjusted and installed 30 days after the City Council approves the ordinance. Additionally, the Denton Police Department will begin enforcing the speed limit rules on the designated sections 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 - Ordinance

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