

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM

CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM NO. 33

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Thomas G. Wendorf, P.E., Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Request for Traffic Code Update

DATE: September 29, 2005

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance amends the traffic control device schedules for the City of San Antonio established in Section 19-68(B) of the City Code to include the establishment of new traffic control devices and deletes previous entries from the Schedules in conflict with the current regulations.

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This ordinance is a request to update the Traffic Control Device Schedule established in Chapter 19, Section 68 of the Code of Ordinances. This schedule reflects warranted devices. In order to have effective enforcement, every traffic control device needs to be present in this schedule. Warranted devices are those that a traffic engineering study has deemed are appropriate and all design guidelines set forth have been met. The last update to this section was submitted September 15, 2005. Specific Schedules (Titles) included in the ordinance request are:

Maximum Speed Limits [Schedule E(a)] at the following locations:

<u>Street</u>	<u>Extent</u>	<u>Speed</u>
IH 10 Eastbound./Westbound	IH 35 to Hildebrand Avenue	60
IH 35 Northbound/Southbound	Pine Street to US 90	60
IH 37 Northbound/Southbound	IH 35 to .2 miles South of IH 35	60
IH 37 Northbound/Southbound	US 90/IH 10 to .2 miles South of IH 35	65
SH 151 Eastbound/Westbound	US 90 to Loop 1604	65
SH 151 Eastbound/Westbound	US 90 to Loop 1604	55
Frontage Roads		
US 281 Northbound/Southbound	.2 miles South of IH 35 to .3 miles North of Hildebrand Road	60
US 281 Northbound/Southbound	Basse Road to .3 miles North of Hildebrand Road	65
US 281 Northbound/Southbound	US 90 to .2 miles South of IH 35	65

Traffic Control Signal Location – [Schedule A(a)] at Palo Alto Road and Somerset Road - As directed by City Council on September 15, 2005.

POLICY ANALYSIS

Approval of this ordinance will enable consistent enforcement of on-street traffic regulations and is a continuation of Council policy to maintain efficient and safe traffic flow.

FINANCIAL IMPACT


This item does not have a financial impact.

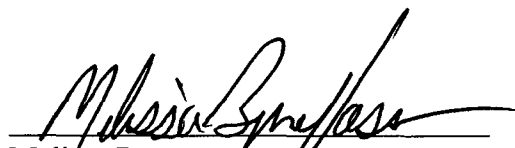
COORDINATION


This request for Ordinance has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office and the San Antonio Police Department.

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

This ordinance does not require a Discretionary Contracts Disclosure Form.


for Thomas G. Wendorf, P.E.
Director of Public Works


Melissa Byrne Vossmer
Assistant City Manager


J. Rolando Bono
City Manager

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING THE TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES SCHEDULES ESTABLISHED BY CHAPTER 19 (TRAFFIC REGULATIONS), ARTICLE III (TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES), SECTION 19-68(b) TO INCLUDE CERTAIN ADDITIONS TO THE OFFICIAL TRAFFIC-CONTROL DEVICE SCHEDULE FOR MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT" SIGNS; AUTHORIZING THE PERMANENT INSTALLATION OF SAID DEVICES; DECLARING THEM AS OFFICIAL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO; AND DECLARING VIOLATIONS OF THESE TRAFFIC REGULATIONS, EXCEPT THE CIVIL PARKING VIOLATIONS, TO BE MISDEMEANOR CRIMES PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$200.00, AND DECLARING VIOLATIONS OF THE CIVIL PARKING VIOLATIONS TO BE SUBJECT TO THE ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS OF CITY CODE SECTION 19-225 (ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION OF STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING VIOLATIONS), AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF NO MORE THAN 5 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 2, SECTION 17, OF THE CITY CHARTER.

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WHEREAS, Chapter 19 of the City Code requires that all official traffic controls, devices, and regulations be established by separate ordinances; and

WHEREAS, there are certain traffic control devices, parking regulations, and other traffic control regulations at certain locations that have been surveyed by traffic engineers, and determined to be necessary for the public safety; and

WHEREAS, Section 19-68 of the traffic regulations in the City Code require that schedules of the various traffic control devices be maintained and kept updated at the Office of the City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, parking regulations are enforced through civil penalties, while all other traffic violations are misdemeanor crimes; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1: Traffic Control Device Schedules enacted through Section 19-68(b) of the City Code of the City of San Antonio are hereby amended and the city clerk is hereby authorized to:

- (a) include in Schedule E(a) entitled "Maximum Speed Limit" the following location(s):

<u>Street</u>	<u>Extent</u>	<u>Speed</u>
IH 10 Eastbound/ Westbound	Hildebrand Avenue to IH 35	60
IH 35 Northbound/ Southbound	Pine Street to US 90	60
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SECTION 2: All traffic control signs, signals, and other devices listed herein are hereby declared to be official traffic control devices of the City of San Antonio. A violation of any traffic control device or regulation established herein are hereby declared to be Class "C" misdemeanor crimes, and shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$1.00 nor more than \$200.00.

SECTION 3: This ordinance shall become effective on the fifth day after publication in accordance with Article 2, Section 17, of the City Charter but in no manner less than the tenth day after passage by the City Council.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2005.

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ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____
City Attorney