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## CITY COUNCIL CONSENT ITEM

### CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS

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AGENDA TOPIC: Approval of the first reading of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas, amending the Fair Oaks Ranch Code of Ordinances Chapter 12 Traffic and Vehicles, Article 12.01 General Provisions, Section 12.01.003 Prima Facie Speed Limit by reducing the maximum speed limit on No Le Hache between Fair Oaks Parkway and Dietz Elkhorn to 25 miles per hour

DATE: April 17, 2025

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

PRESENTED BY: Consent Item: Carole Vanzant, CPM, Assistant City Manager

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#### **INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:**

Chapter 12, Section 12.01.003 of the City Code of Ordinances provides for the establishment of the maximum, reasonable, and prudent speed limits in the City of Fair Oaks Ranch. The prima facie speed limit is 30 miles per hour on all streets within the city unless amended by ordinance. The Texas Transportation Code section 545.356 states a city may declare a lower speed limit of not less than 25 miles per hour, if the City Council determines the prima facie speed limit is unreasonable or unsafe. Anything lower than 25 mph requires a traffic study.

In 2024, the City Council established the Transportation Safety Advisory Committee ("TSAC") to assist in the continuance of the city's quality of life through a citizen-government partnership that promotes safe and secure public roads and walks. The TSAC Rules of Procedure, section 5.1 states TSAC shall review transportation safety issues related to public transportation infrastructure that has been properly submitted to the Committee either by Fair Oaks Ranch citizens or by the City, and after due consideration and affirmative Committee vote, recommend action for City Council consideration.

- December 2024 - the City received a request from a resident residing on No Le Hache to reduce the speed limit on No Le Hache below the prima facie speed of 30 mph due to the road curves and amount of traffic in a residential area.
- February 2025 - after reviewing and discussing the request, TSAC made an affirmative vote to recommend reducing the speed limit on No Le Hache to 25 mph due to the road curves and traffic in a residential area.
- March 2025 - the TSAC Chair and Assistant City Manager provided the City Council with a presentation of the request and recommendation. After discussing, the Council directed the preparation of an ordinance reducing the speed limit to 25 mph on No Le Hache between Fair Oaks Parkway and Dietz Elkhorn.

Attached is a proposed ordinance for the City Council's consideration and possible action.

**POLICY ANALYSIS/BENEFIT(S) TO CITIZENS:**

- Provides for the continued improvement of the residents' quality of life relative to transportation safety.
- Provides for a citizen-government partnership.
- Meets the city's Strategic Action Plan pillars of Reliable and Sustainable Infrastructure and Responsible Growth.
- Complies with the City Council direction of March 20, 2025.

**LONGTERM FINANCIAL & BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

\$1,250 for the purchase and installation of five speed limit signs.

**LEGAL ANALYSIS:**

Ordinance approved as to form.

**RECOMMENDATION/PROPOSED MOTION:**

Consent Item: I move to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending the City of Fair Oaks Ranch Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12 Traffic and Vehicles, Article 12.01 General Provisions, Section 12.01.003 Prima Facie Speed Limit by reducing the maximum speed limit on No Le Hache between Fair Oaks Parkway and Dietz Elkhorn to 25 miles per hour.