



CITY COUNCIL CONSENT ITEM

CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS

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(3) by reducing the maximum speed limit on Silver Spur Trail and Post Oak Trail to 30 mph

DATE: November 20, 2025

DEPARTMENT: Administration

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

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:

Last month, the City Council unanimously approved an ordinance to reduce the speed limit on Rolling Acres Trail from 35 miles per hour (mph) to 30 mph. After approval, Council Member Ruben Olvera requested a future Council agenda item to discuss the potential of speed limit adjustments on Silver Spur Trail and Post Oak Trail, both posted at 35 mph. He noted that lowering the speed limit would provide consistency in the area. Without it, those roads may experience increased traffic as drivers seek alternate routes to access Ammann Road.

At the November 6 City Council workshop, staff

1. presented the City's speed limit map of the area showing all streets at 30 mph except for Silver Spur Trail and Post Oak Trail (**Exhibit A**)
2. presented the history of Silver Spur Trail and Post Oak Trail speed limits
3. noted Silver Spur Trail is identified as a connector street and Post Oak Trail as a local rural residential street in the City's Comprehensive Plan
4. presented data of speed citations and warnings between October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025
5. presented data of reported vehicle accidents between July 25, 2016 - October 3, 2025

City Council directed staff to provide a proposed ordinance reducing the speed limit on both streets to 30 mph.

The Texas Transportation Code Section 545.356(b-1) authorizes the City Council to declare a 30-mph speed limit, for a highway or a part of a highway in the municipality that is not an officially designated or marked highway or road of the state highway system, if they determine the current speed limit of 35 mph is unreasonable or unsafe. Silver Spur Trail and Post Oak Trail are not officially designated or marked highways or roads of the state highway system.

POLICY ANALYSIS/BENEFIT(S) TO CITIZENS:

1. Provides the continued improvement of the residents' quality of life relative to transportation safety.
2. Complies with the Texas Transportation Code section 545.356 Authority of Municipality to Alter Speed Limits.
3. Complies with the City Council's direction from the November 6, 2025 meeting

LONGTERM FINANCIAL & BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Cost of speed limit signs - approximately \$250 each.

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 Ordinances, Chapter 12 Traffic and Vehicles, Article 12.01 General Provisions, Section 12.02.003 (3) by reducing the maximum speed limit on Silver Spur Trail and Post Oak Trail to 30 mph.