



CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION ITEM

CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS

AGENDA TOPIC: Consideration and possible action on the first reading of an Ordinance of the City Council of The City of Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas, establishing a Transportation Safety Advisory Committee.

DATE: June 20, 2024

DEPARTMENT: City Council

PRESENTED BY: Laura Koerner, Council Member, Place 4

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:

The City wants everyone who travels within or through our community to reach their destination safely. Accordingly, throughout the years, after staff presentations on traffic study results related to stop or yield signs, improved intersections, and speed limiting devices, the City Council has approved applicable ordinances.

Many municipalities have transportation safety committees which review and discuss transportation matters in their communities before Council consideration. At the May 2, 2024, City Council workshop, Council Member Koerner led a discussion on establishing a Fair Oaks Ranch Transportation Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC).

The proposed ordinance establishes the City of Fair Oaks Ranch Transportation Advisory Safety Committee. **Exhibit A** is a draft committee rules of procedures providing the committee composition, purpose, rules, and duties. Currently, no action on the rules is required. The Council would consider the Rules of Procedure following the establishment of the TSAC via ordinance. The ordinance and the rules are inclusive of the following:

Who? The Committee is made up of five regular members and two alternates. Terms are staggered for two (2) years. Volunteers must be residents of Fair Oaks Ranch. Additionally, the City Manager will assign city staff as non-voting members to participate and support the Committee with the minimum representation from Public Safety or Public Works departments.

What? The purpose and duties of the TSAC, include but not limited to:

- Improve the city's quality of life through a citizen-government partnership that promotes transportation safety.
- Review transportation (vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, etc.) safety issues submitted to them either by citizens or by city staff.
- Provide recommendations to the City Council with respect to means of transportation involving city-owned roadways, walks, and paths, including, but not limited to, no parking zones, yield and stop signs, speed limit increases and decreases, hike and bike lanes; and speed limiting devices.

- Direct citizen requests regarding privately-owned roadways, walks, and paths within the city to the appropriate organization (i.e. Country Club, FORHA, etc.).
- Advise the City Council and provide recommendations regarding the overall planning and programming of transportation safety improvements.
- Develop materials needed for promotion of transportation safety.
- Create and annually review a city's transportation safety plan.
- Review proposed transportation safety ordinances and make recommendations to the City Council.
- Other duties as the City Council may direct.

When? The TSAC will meet quarterly or more frequently. Meetings will be open to the public and will follow the Texas Open Meetings Act.

POLICY ANALYSIS/BENEFIT(S) TO CITIZENS:

1. Continued improvement of the city's quality of life relative to transportation safety.
2. Provides for a citizen-government partnership.
3. Meets the city's Strategic Action Plan pillars of Reliable and Sustainable Infrastructure and Responsible Growth Management,

LONGTERM FINANCIAL & BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Budgeted funds for promotional items.

LEGAL ANALYSIS:

Ordinance – approved as to form.

RECOMMENDATION/PROPOSED MOTION:

I move to approve the first reading of an ordinance establishing the Fair Oaks Ranch Transportation Safety Advisory Committee.