

CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM

CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 28 TO MODIFY THE DISTANCE OF SPEED LIMITS WITHIN SCHOOL ZONES AND IDENTIFY CHANGES MADE TO KILLEEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BUILDING NAMES AND SERVICES

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT

Public Works - Transportation / Street Services

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The recent construction on US 190 Eastbound and Westbound frontage roads necessitates the need to modify Sec. 28-251. School Zones, maximum speed limits of the City Code of Ordinances.

Changes made to school building names and services also necessitate amendments to the ordinance to correctly identify school buildings and remove current school zones identified on the ordinance that are no longer in place. Haynes Elementary School located at Zephyr and Gowen has been renamed to Gateway High/Middle School. Marlboro Support Center (R.A. Abercrombie) and Fowler Elementary (Trimmier Road) are no longer operated as schools by the Killeen Independent School District and no longer require the presence of a school zone.

DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION

It is recommended that school zones be established in these areas to ensure the safety of students walking to and from school. The recommended distance extensions are based on established vehicular and pedestrian traffic operations in the vicinity of school and guidance provided by the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

RECOMMENDATION

City staff recommends that the ordinance setting the distance for school zones be amended to include the US 190 Eastbound and Westbound Frontage road changes and to correctly identify changes that have been made to school building names and services by Killeen Independent School District.