



# City of Austin

## Recommendation for Action

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**File #:** 25-2276, **Agenda Item #:** 76.

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### **Posting Language**

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Section 12-4-41 (*Temporary Construction Zone Speed Limits*) to modify the duration of reduced speed limits from a 90-day maximum to an indefinite period, based on a determination by the City Traffic Engineer, or designee, that a special hazard exists requiring a reduced speed limit. Funding: This item has no fiscal impact.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Transportation and Public Works

### **Fiscal Note**

This item has no fiscal impact.

### **Prior Council Action:**

August 9, 2007 - Ordinance No. 20070809-004 repealing City Code Chapter 12-4, "Speed Limits"; adopting a new Chapter 12-4 to reformat current City Code provisions regarding speed limits, and to delete obsolete provisions regarding minimum speed limits and certain construction speed zones; and adopting a savings clause, was approved on a 7-0 vote.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

Temporary construction zone speed limits may be established by the City Traffic Engineer or designee ("traffic engineer") if the traffic engineer determines that based on an engineering investigation, a special hazard exists due to the construction that requires a lower speed limit to protect the public safety and welfare. City Code Section 12-4-41 limits the duration of construction zone speed limits to 90 days before the traffic engineer is required to renew the reduced speed limit for a period not to exceed 90 days.

Since City Code Section 12-4-41 was created in 2007, the City has become regularly engaged in capital improvement projects with construction durations routinely lasting longer than 90 days. The request to amend the code would change the temporary construction zone speed limit from a 90-day maximum to an indefinite period, reducing the requirement to routinely renew reduced speed limits until the traffic engineer determines that a special hazard no longer exists.