



MEMORANDUM

To: City of Seguin Mayor and Council
From: Andy Quittner, City Attorney *AQ*
Date: November 16, 2015
Re: Ordinance increasing speed limit to 25 MPH on Moss and Ashby Streets

Due to the construction of a new wing at the Medical Center, in 2008 the City Council passed an Ordinance temporarily reducing the speed limit on Moss and Ashby Streets. In 2010, after the construction was completed, the Council made the temporary 20 MPH zone permanent.

Municipalities are free to set speed limits on streets owned and maintained by the municipality upon conducting a basic study of the traffic, accidents, and other relevant matters. There are some limitations on the ability to set speed limits (such as width of the street, and other factors). In order to set the speed limit below 25 MPH a city must conduct a specialized study using a traffic engineer. This was not done when the speed limit for Ashby and Moss Streets was permanently set. Challenges to the procedure would make the current speed limit unenforceable.

This Ordinance remedies the problem by increasing the speed limit to 25 MPH which is supported by previous studies and the City Engineer.