

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Don Keil
City Council
Doug Faseler, City Manager

From: Jose (Joe) R. Ramos, Jr., P.E. City Engineer

Subject: Ridge View Estates Subdivision
Support of 25 mph Traffic Design

Date: June 1, 2018

Texas law states that streets without posted speed limit signs have a speed limit of 30mph. However, State law [Texas Criminal and Motor Vehicle Code Sec. 545.356 (b-1)] also allows City Councils (governing bodies) to reduce speed limits to no lower than 25mph if they believe it is required for safety purposes, (if the governing body determines that a higher speed is unreasonable and unsafe). The Seguin City Council has previously used this statute to reduce the speed limits in the Mill Creek Crossing neighborhood. The developer of the proposed Ridge View Estates would like to design a new residential neighborhood to a 25mph design speed, allowing for a smaller horizontal centerline radius for local streets, and are requesting preliminary approval to allow for such a design. The attached resolution would give the developer tentative approval to move forward with such a design allowance.

Staff (Fire Department, Police Department and Public Works Departments) are not opposed to the request. However, the speed limit will not be enforceable until the City Council passes a subsequent ordinance, formally setting the speed limit at 25mph. Staff will not bring the ordinance to the City Council until required street public improvements, meeting City of Seguin standards and specifications, are constructed, inspected and accepted for maintenance.

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