



**CITY OF MARTINEZ**

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
May 16, 2007**

**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Tim Tucker, City Engineer  
**SUBJECT:** Morello Avenue Speed Limit  
**DATE:** May 3, 2007

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Establish a 25-mile per hour speed limit on Morello Avenue between Arnold Drive and Marie Avenue.

**BACKGROUND:**

At last fall's Community Council Meeting held at Morello Park Elementary School residents raised concerns with the speed limit on Morello Avenue between Arnold Drive and Marie Avenue. The Traffic Safety Committee investigated the posted speed limit, speed surveys and the Municipal Code. The Committee found a conflict between the posted 25-mile per hour speed limit and the Municipal Code 35-mile per hour listing. The existence of residential driveways along with the residential development and the construction of new schools and parks over the last fifteen years along Morello Avenue in conjunction with traffic studies warrant a change to the municipal code to be consistent with the posted speed limit of 25-miles per hour.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The existing signage will be augmented at an estimated cost of \$400 for staff time and materials. This cost will be absorbed in our current maintenance budget.

**ACTION:**

Motion to introduce an ordinance amending Title 10, Vehicle and Traffic, Chapter 10.20, Special Speed Zones, of the Martinez Municipal Code.

**Attachment:** Vicinity Map, Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. C.S.

AMENDING TITLE 10, VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC, CHAPTER 10.20, SPECIAL SPEED ZONES, OF THE MARTINEZ MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Martinez has established speed limits on various public streets where the speed limit permitted by State law is not reasonable and safe; and

WHEREAS, from time to time these established speed limits are re-evaluated due to changes in traffic volumes, traffic speeds, physical changes to the road alignment and other environmental changes; and

WHEREAS, it is determined upon the basis of an Engineering and Traffic Survey that the speed permitted by State law upon the following streets is not reasonable and safe to facilitate the orderly movement of traffic, and it is declared that the prima facie speed limit shall be as hereinafter set forth and amended as follows:

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARTINEZ does ordain as follows:

SECTION I. Title 10 of the Martinez Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Section 10.20.10 Special Speed limits, Subsection P, Morello Avenue shall be amended to read as follows:

- P. Morello Avenue
  - North City Limits to Vine Hill Way (east) . . . . . 25
  - Vine Hill Way (east) to Chilpancingo Parkway . . . 35

By deleting as follows:

- P. MORELLO AVENUE
  - ~~North City Limits to Marie Avenue . . . . . 25~~
  - ~~Marie Avenue to Muir Road . . . . . 35~~
  - ~~Muir Road to Vine Hill Way (east) . . . . . 25~~
  - Vine Hill Way (east) to Chilpancingo Parkway . . . 35

**SECTION II. Severability.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this and each section, subsection, phrase or clause thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, phrase or clauses be declared unconstitutional on their face or as applied.

**SECTION III. Effective date.** This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after the date of adoption.

**SECTION VI. Posting.** The City Clerk shall cause this ordinance to be published and or posted within fifteen days after its adoption.

**SECTION 2. Severability.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this and each section, subsection, phrase or clause thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, phrase or clauses be declared unconstitutional on their face or as applied.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rob Schroder, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy City Clerk

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**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing ordinance was duly and regularly introduced at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Martinez, held on the    day of           , 2007, and duly passed and adopted at a Regular Meeting of said City Council held on the    day of           , 2007, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

RICHARD G. HERNANDEZ, CITY CLERK  
CITY OF MARTINEZ



VICINITY MAP