

Speed Limits on Farmers Branch Roadways

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State Law

Prima Facie Speed Limits

Sec. 545.352. PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS. (a) A speed in excess of the limits established by Subsection (b) or under another provision of this subchapter is prima facie evidence that the speed is not reasonable and prudent and that the speed is unlawful.

(b) Unless a special hazard exists that requires a slower speed for compliance with Section 545.351(b), the following speeds are lawful:

(1) 30 miles per hour in an urban district on a street other than an alley and 15 miles per hour in an alley.

What Authority a Municipality has to regulate Speed limits.

Sec. 545.356. AUTHORITY OF MUNICIPALITY TO ALTER SPEED LIMITS. (a) The governing body of a municipality, for a highway or part of a highway in the municipality, including a highway of the state highway system, **has the same authority to alter by ordinance prima facie speed limits from the results of an engineering and traffic investigation** as the Texas Transportation Commission on an officially designated or marked highway of the state highway system. The governing body of a municipality may not modify the rule established by Section 545.351 (a) or establish a speed limit of more than 75 miles per hour.

What are they now?

Street	Extent	Speed Limit (mph)
Austell Parkway	From Valley View Lane to Maydelle Lane	20
Cooks Creek Place		20
Dallas Parkway, southbound lanes	Entire length inside the city limits	40
Denton Drive	From the north city limit line to the south city limit line	35
Heritage Circle		20
Interstate Highway 35 E	From the north city limits line to the south city limits line	55
Interstate Highway 35, east service road	From the north city limits line to the south city limits line	35
Interstate Highway 35, west service road	From the north city limits line to the south city limits line	35
Interstate Highway 635	From the east city limits line to the west city limits line	55
Interstate Highway 635, north and south service roads	From Luna Road to the east city limits line	45
Inwood Road	From the south city limits line to the north city limits line	40
Joanna Drive	From Heartside Place to Old North Road	20
Josey Lane	From the south city limits line to the north city limits line	35

What are they now? (Cont.)

Luna Road	From the south right-of-way line of Royal Lane to the north right-of-way line of Valley View Lane	45
Luna Road	From the north right-of-way line of Valley View Lane to the north right-of-way line of Keenan Bridge Road	45
Marsh Lane	From the south city limits line to the north city limits line	35
Maybrook Drive	From Webb Chapel Road to Medical Center Drive	20
Maydelle Lane	From Josey Lane to Austell Parkway	20
Medical Center Drive	From Webb Chapel Road to dead end	20
Midway Road	From Interstate Highway 635 to Spring Valley Road	35
Millwood Drive	From Josey Lane to Farmers Branch Lane	20
Old North Road	From Heartside Drive to Webb Chapel Road	20
Rawhide Drive	From Valley View Lane to William Dodson Parkway	20
Royal Lane	From the east right-of-way line of Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad to Luna Road	35
Royal Lane	From Luna Road to the west city limits line	40
Senlac Drive	From Valley View Lane to Valwood Parkway	40
Spring Valley Lane	Entire Length	20
Shoredale Lane	From Hollandale Lane to Fyke Road	20
Spring Valley Road	From the centerline of Dallas Parkway to the east right-of-way line of Midway Road	40
Tanglewood Drive	From the centerline of Brookhaven Club Drive to the west curbline of Marsh Lane	20

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Valley View Lane	From the west city limits line at the Elm Fork of the Trinity River to the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad tracks	45
Valley View Lane	From the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad to the east city limits line	35
Valwood Parkway	From Josey Lane to the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad	35
Valwood Parkway	From Josey Lane to IH35E north bound service road.	30
Valwood Parkway	From the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad to west city limits line	40
Veronica Road	From Webb Chapel to Maydelle Lane	20
Webb Chapel	From the north city limits line to the south city limits line	35

When did these limits get set?

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Does Lowering the Speed Limit Work?

Research from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and multiple university based traffic institutes say...**NO**. When it does, it is insignificant at around 1.5 mph.

Theory: Unless special roadway circumstances exist, speed limits should be set based on speed studies which reflect the 85th percentile speed of the motoring public.

So what does work?

Traffic Calming Devices:

- Road Humps;
- Rumble strips;
- Speed pillows;
- Horizontal narrowing;
- Parking on both sides of street.

Other strategies that work:

- Enforcement;
- Electronic signage;
- Portable speed display boards;
- public education.

Tools



\$2,000-\$4,000 for fixed speed post
\$15,000-\$20,000 portable speed display.

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Questions!