



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**From:** Cole Baker, EIT, Graduate Engineer  
Mike Garza, P.E., Director of Public Works

**Date:** October 8, 2024

**Reference:** Consider approval of an Ordinance amending Section 8-1-3 of the Code of Ordinances; to establish the Maximum Prima Facie Speed Limit for various streets in the city limits of the City of Coppel; and authorizing the Mayor to sign.

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### Introduction:

The purpose of this agenda item is to consider approval of an Ordinance establishing speed limits for four new streets that have been constructed as part of the Blackberry Farm development.

### Background:

Construction for the Blackberry Farm development began in 2022, and the developer is currently working on completing final items to close out Phase 1 of the project. As part of the project, four new streets were constructed.

The streets in this subdivision are privately owned and maintained by the Blackberry Farm HOA and are dedicated by plat as a Utility, Drainage, Emergency Access, and Limited General Public Access Easement. Section 542.008 of the Texas Transportation Code allows municipalities to extend traffic regulations to roads within a private subdivision so that the roads in the subdivision are under the same rules as roads owned by the municipality, if the municipality finds the extension of these regulations to be in the best interest of the municipality. A separate ordinance related to this provision is on the agenda for this meeting.

By default, a street with no posted speed limit in the State of Texas is 30 mph. Section 545.356 of the Texas Transportation Code allows municipalities to declare a lower prima facie speed limit not less than 25 mph, if it determines that 30 mph is unreasonable or unsafe. The City of Coppel has modified the speed limit on residential streets to 25 mph under this provision of the code.

The speed limit signs for this subdivision are being installed by the developer as part of their approved construction drawings.

**Benefit to the Community:**

This Ordinance will provide benefit to the community by establishing speed limits consistent with the other residential streets within the City of Coppell.

**Legal Review:**

The City Attorney has reviewed the Ordinance.

**Fiscal Impact:**

There is no fiscal impact related to this item.

**Recommendation:**

The Public Works Department recommends approval of the Ordinance.