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ITEM #8  
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## MEMORANDUM

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May 2, 2013

TO: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

FROM: Eric S. Stuckey, City Administrator  
David Parker, P.E., CIP Executive/City Engineer  
Paul Holzen, P.E., Director of Engineering  
Carl Baughman, P. E., Traffic/Transportation Engineer

COPY TO: Cliff Smith, Westhaven Homeowners Association President

SUBJECT: Consideration of Ordinance 2012-43 An Ordinance to Reduce the Speed Limit On Westhaven Boulevard And Townsend Boulevard To Be Twenty-Five (25 MPH) Miles Per Hour In Both Directions.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA) with information to consider an Ordinance that would revise the speed limit postings in Westhaven

### **Background**

The street network in Westhaven has been planned as a hierarchy of various classes, functions and geometric standards. The City's 2009 update of the Major Thoroughfare Plan recognizes this hierarchy in designating certain streets as Minor Collector streets. Among these are the streets of Addison Avenue, Championship Boulevard, Jewell Avenue/Front Street, Stonewater Boulevard, State Street, Townsend Boulevard and Westhaven Boulevard. These streets tend to serve as feeder routes to the nearby Highway 96 arterial street and therefore provide continuity of travel in the development. While the adjoining land uses are mostly residential, the class of these streets due to their function is Minor Collector and not local. Therefore the posted speed limits on some of these streets have been up to 30 mph, in particular Westhaven Boulevard and Townsend Boulevard.

In the ten years that Westhaven has been in development, street connections and driving patterns have been in a variable state as the project has proceeded. City street standards and speed limit ordinances have also been updated during this time, recognizing the unique qualities of Traditional Neighborhood Developments. Now that Westhaven is entering its second decade, its transportation characteristics have become substantially established such that a comprehensive review of driving speed patterns can be accomplished.

The Westhaven Homeowners Association (HOA) at its March 7, 2012 meeting voted unanimously to request a uniform maximum neighborhood speed limit of 25 miles per hour. Locations currently posted at 20 MPH would remain 20 MPH due to their horizontal and/or vertical physical constraints requiring lower speed limits. This Ordinance would change the speed limit on Westhaven Boulevard and Townsend Boulevard (currently posted at 30 miles per hour). Both of these streets are considered to be Collectors and our street specifications recommend them to be posted at 30MPH.

At the August 9, 2012 meeting of the Capital Investment Committee the direction was given for the Westhaven HOA to conduct a petition survey of the neighborhood to identify a property owner consensus on the matter. The signatures were provided on January 31, 2013 and verified on May 1, 2013. The 52.2% representation in favor of speed limit reductions on Westhaven Boulevard and Townsend Boulevard indicates a majority support of this measure. Staff therefore recommends adoption of the proposed Ordinance 2012-43.



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**Financial Impact**

None. Signing upgrades will be performed by the Westhaven Homeowners Association.

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends approval of Ordinance Number 2012-43 to revise speed limits in Westhaven.

**ORDINANCE 2012-43**

**TO BE ENTITLED: “AN ORDINANCE TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ON WESTHAVEN BOULEVARD AND TOWNSEND BOULEVARD TO BE TWENTY-FIVE (25 MPH) MILES PER HOUR IN BOTH DIRECTIONS”.**

**WHEREAS**, the Westhaven Homeowners Association has requested by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors on March 7, 2012, a uniform speed limit of 25 miles per hour, while keeping the speed limit at 20 miles per hour on streets that need to be posted as such; and

**WHEREAS**, the Westhaven Homeowners Association conducted a petition survey of the neighborhood to identify a property owner consensus on the matter resulting in 52.2% in favor of the speed limit reductions on Westhaven Boulevard and Townsend Boulevard showing a majority support.

**NOW THEREFORE:**

**SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Franklin, Tennessee, that the speed limit on Westhaven Boulevard and on Townsend Boulevard be reduced from 30 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour, and

**SECTION II: BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Franklin, Tennessee, that the speed limit on the remaining streets in Westhaven be established at 25 miles per hour except that some streets be established at 20 miles per hour as follows:

1. Streets already posted at 20 miles per hour from their initial installation, and.
2. Streets requiring posting at 20 miles per hour in accordance with horizontal and/or vertical geometric constraints.

**SECTION III: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Franklin, Tennessee, that the Westhaven Homeowners Association is authorized to obtain and install all necessary signs to carry out the intention of this Ordinance.

**SECTION IV: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Franklin, Tennessee, that the penalty for failure to obey the provisions of this Ordinance shall be as indicated in the Franklin Municipal Code and/or the Tennessee Code Annotated.

**SECTION V: BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED** by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Franklin, Tennessee, that this Ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage on second and final reading, the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Franklin requiring it.

**ATTEST:**

**CITY OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ERIC S. STUCKEY**  
**CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**DR. KEN MOORE**  
**MAYOR**

**PASSED FIRST READING**

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**PASSED SECOND READING**

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