



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

District Impacted

- ☐ 1 = Anzollitto
- ☐ 2 = Woolard
- ☐ 3 = Boyd
- ☐ 4 = Cisneros
- ☐ 5 = Colvin
- ☒ All

DESCRIPTION	CONSIDER ON FIRST READING ORDINANCE NO. 2017-11; AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NOS. 2016-30, 2016-28, 2012-46, 2008-23, 2008-18 AND 2006-04, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF BOERNE, TEXAS BY AMENDING CHAPTER 12, MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE VII. SCHOOL ZONES, DIVISION 1. GENERALLY, SECTION 12-206. ESTABLISHED, SECTION 12-208. PASSING PROHIBITED, SECTION 12-209. U-TURNS PROHIBITED AND SECTION 12-210. SIGNS; AND PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$200 FOR EACH VIOLATION. <i>(School zones)</i>
STAFF'S RECOMMENDED ACTION (be specific)	Approve On First Reading Ordinance No. 2017-11; An Ordinance Repealing And Replacing Ordinance Nos. 2016-30, 2016-28, 2012-46, 2008-23, 2008-18 And 2006-04, Amending The Code Of Ordinances, City Of Boerne, Texas By Amending Chapter 12, Motor Vehicles And Traffic, Article VII. School Zones, Division 1. Generally, Section 12-206. Established, Section 12-208. Passing Prohibited, Section 12-209. U-Turns Prohibited And Section 12-210. Signs; And Providing For A Penalty Not To Exceed \$200 For Each Violation. <i>(School zones)</i>
CONTACT PERSON	Michael Mann
SUMMARY	<p>School zone signage is intended to warn drivers to pay particular attention in the area of schools, particularly in more congested areas where younger pedestrians are most at risk. Care should be taken to establish school zones in only the most appropriate locations and effective hours. At some locations, but not all, special reduced speeds within the school zones are appropriate. Like other traffic control signage, over-use can lead to driver indifference and/or frustration which can have negative safety effects where the restrictions are most important.</p> <p>Over the years, various school zones have been established and removed within the City. The language of the ordinances establishing them varies with regard to how the limits of the zones are established, the speed limits within the various zones and the hours/days that the zones are operative.</p> <p>There are established protocols for properly signing school zones for the sake of clarity and enforcement. School hours and school locations within Boerne have changed, which can cause confusion due to variations in signage. A list of school zones on streets within the</p>

	<p>City is attached for reference.</p> <p>For the sake of clarity, Staff has conducted a review of our existing school zone signage and recommends a few modifications. Various signage needs to be added or removed based on current standards.</p> <p>However, we recommend the following modifications to existing school zone areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All existing special speed school zone restrictions remain in effect (posted at 25 MPH) with two exceptions:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ We recommend removal of the school zone on Live Oak due to the pending relocation of the Boerne Independent School District (BISD) Alternative School to the former Fabra Elementary Building on Lohmann Street.○ We recommend the existing limits of the school zone at Roy Maas Youth Alternatives' (RMYA) Meadowlands Charter School remain, but that the special speed restriction be removed. There is a reduced need for a special speed at this location due to very limited numbers of students walking to/from school and the advanced age of those pedestrian students. Additional "playground" warning signage, however, is proposed to warn drivers of a particular danger of younger students potentially running from the campus and into traffic.• We propose that all special speed school zone restrictions should be effective on the same days and times adjacent to BISD campuses. Although primary and secondary school hours in BISD begin and end about one hour apart, all BISD schools share a common calendar.• The Roy Maas Youth Alternatives school calendar differs significantly from that of BISD. We understand the school operates well into the BISD summer vacation period and has a longer mid-year break. We further understand there are school aged students who temporarily reside at this campus while classes are in session. On the basis of these conditions, we recommend that the school zone on Old San Antonio Road be an "all year" designation. This will be less confusing at its location because there would be no special speed in that zone, as referenced above. <p>We have discussed these modifications with officials from both BISD and RMYA, who were understanding and supportive of our proposals.</p> <p>A map showing the proposed school zones (including one removal) is</p>
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	enclosed for the Council's review. The estimated total cost for associated signage modifications is \$28,785. However, only about \$4,000-\$5,000 worth of that work will be needed immediately to bring the signage to current standards. The majority of the total cost will be for adding flashers on one end of Lohmann and on the Old San Antonio Road location like we recently added on Cascade Caverns Road. We can budget for those installations next fiscal year if desired.
COST	\$4,000-\$5,000 immediate - \$28,750 total
SOURCE OF FUNDS	Street Department Operating Fund
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	

This summary is not meant to be all inclusive. Supporting documentation is attached.

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