



CITY OF PLANO COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

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Council Meeting Date:	11/24/14
Department:	Engineering
Department Head	Jack Carr
Agenda Coordinator (include phone #): Kathleen Schonne Ext. 7198	

CAPTION

An Ordinance of the City of Plano, Texas, amending a portion of Ordinance No. 2006-6-29, currently codified under Chapter 12, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article IV, Speed, Section 12-73(d), Subsection "15th Street," Sub-Subsection "(2)" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plano, Texas to revise the end points for a school zone on 15th Street, amending a portion of Ordinance No. 2006-6-29, currently codified under Chapter 12, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article IV, Speed, Section 12-73(d), Subsection "Baffin Bay Drive," Sub-Subsection "(1)" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plano, Texas to revise the end points for the school zone on Baffin Bay Drive, and amending a portion of Ordinance No. 2011-8-4, currently codified under Chapter 12, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article IV, Speed, Section 12-73(d), Subsection "Elsinore Drive," Sub-Subsection "(1)" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plano, Texas to revise the end points for the school zone on Elsinore Drive; providing a repealer clause, a severability clause, a penalty clause, a savings clause, a publication clause, and an effective date.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

NOT APPLICABLE
 OPERATING EXPENSE
 REVENUE
 CIP

FISCAL YEAR: 2014-15	Prior Year (CIP Only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Budget	0	0	0	0
Encumbered/Expended Amount	0	0	0	0
This Item	0	0	0	0
BALANCE	0	0	0	0

FUND(S): **GENERAL FUND**

COMMENTS: This item may generate additional revenue received from traffic fines within the extended school zones; however, at this time the additional revenue to be collected is undeterminable and expected to be minimal.

STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL: Amending the Code of Ordinances to extend school zones on 15th Street, Baffin Bay Drive and Elsinore Drive relates to the City's Goals of Great Neighborhoods - 1st Choice to Live and Safe Large City. Any revenue received via fines as a result of this Ordinance is undeterminable at this time.

SUMMARY OF ITEM

The Transportation Engineering Division received reports that the school zone sign assembly for the eastbound approach to the Stratford Drive school crossing on 15th Street was obscured by a tree in the parkway. Staff found that the most feasible location to relocate the sign assembly was in the median of 15th Street approximately 100 feet west of the existing west boundary of the school zone. The sign assembly has been relocated and necessitates revision of the City Code to reflect the new boundaries of the school zone.

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In addition, the Transportation Engineering Division also received reports from concerned citizens that school children were crossing Baffin Bay Drive and Elsinore Drive outside of the school zone limits.

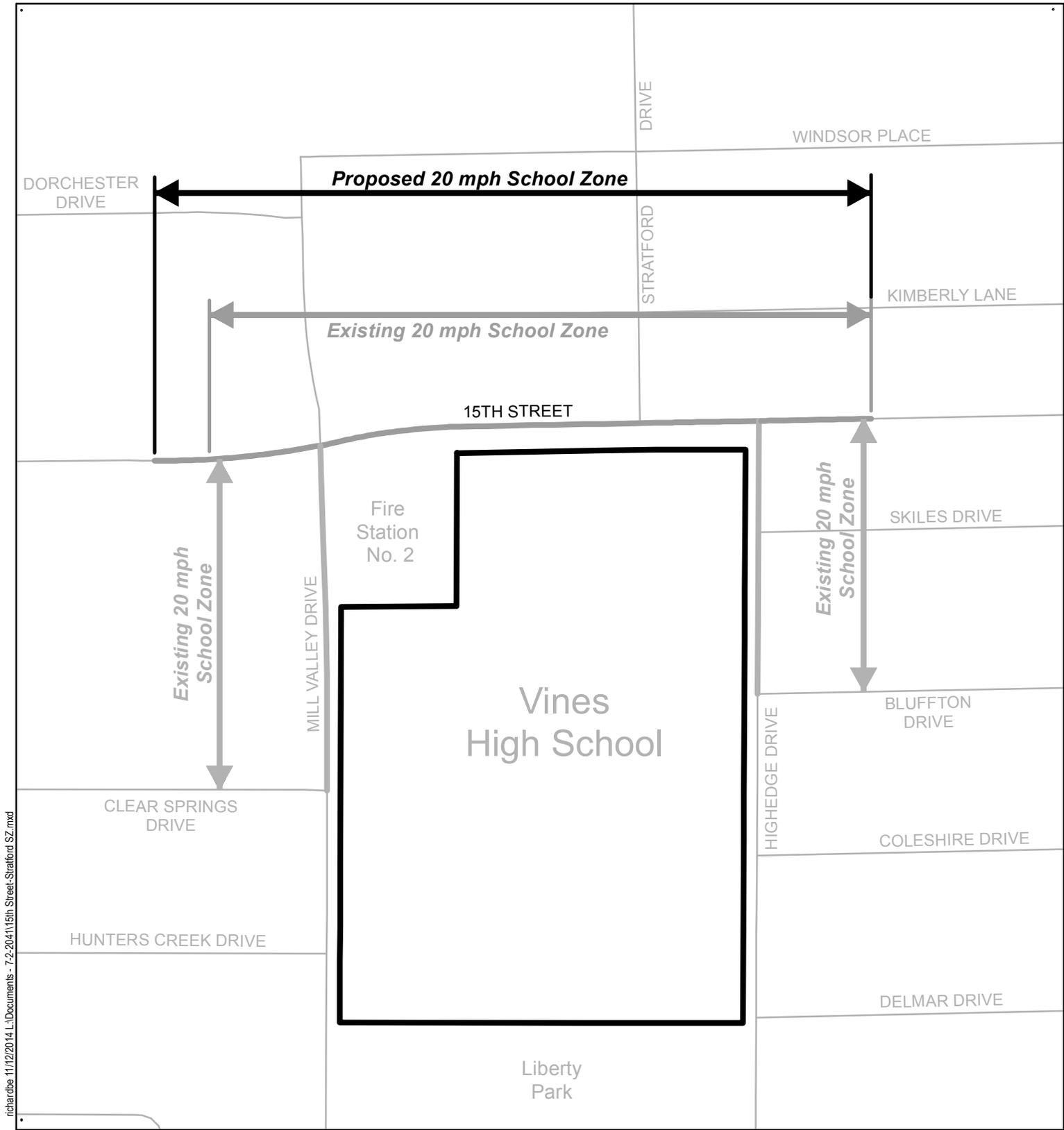
At Harrington Elementary School observations of crossing activity confirmed that school children were crossing Baffin Bay Drive at its intersection with Bedfordshire Drive approximately 365 feet east of the existing east school zone boundary.

At Anderson Elementary School, observations of crossing activity confirmed that school children were crossing Elsinore Drive approximately 20 feet east of the existing west school zone boundary. This location is too close to the school zone boundary to effectively insure that motorists have reduced their speed to 20 miles per hour.

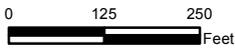
The Transportation Engineering Division has prepared for City Council consideration the attached ordinance extending the school zone on 15th Street to reflect the current locations of the traffic control signage marking the end points of the school zone and extending the school zones on Baffin Bay Drive and Elsinore Drive to include, within their respective school zones, the locations that school children were observed crossing these streets.

The Transportation Engineering Division recommends approval of the proposed ordinance.

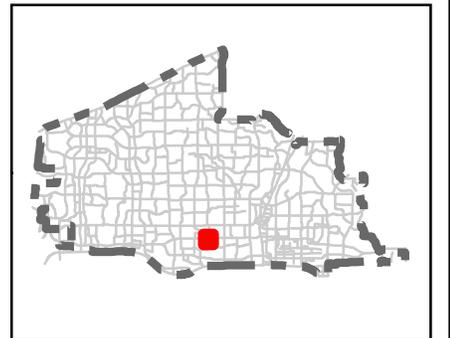
List of Supporting Documents: Ordinance Location Maps	Other Departments, Boards, Commissions or Agencies
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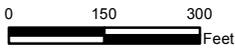
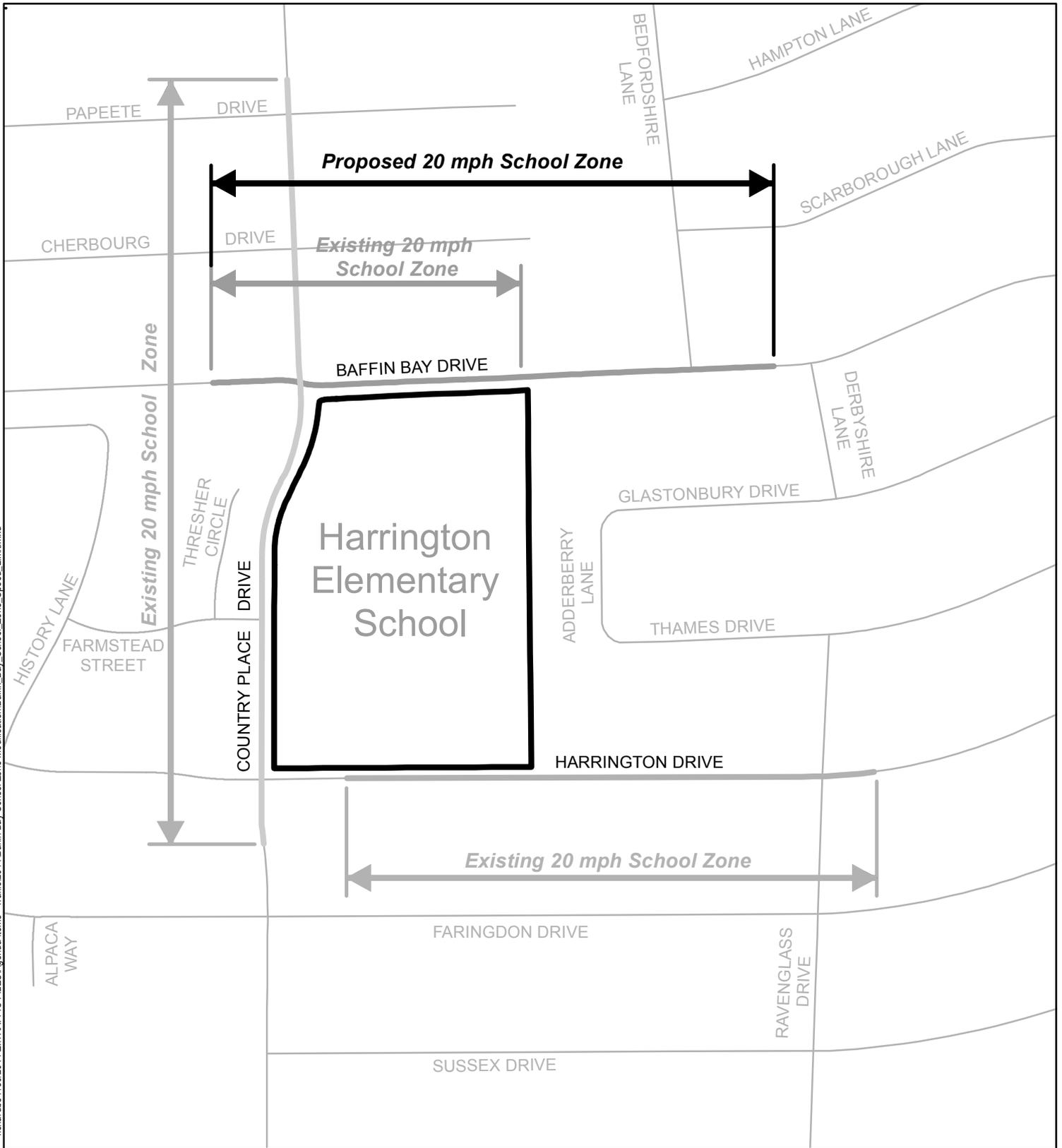
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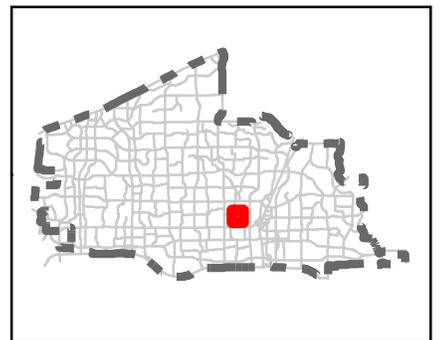
15th Street School Zone Map



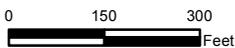
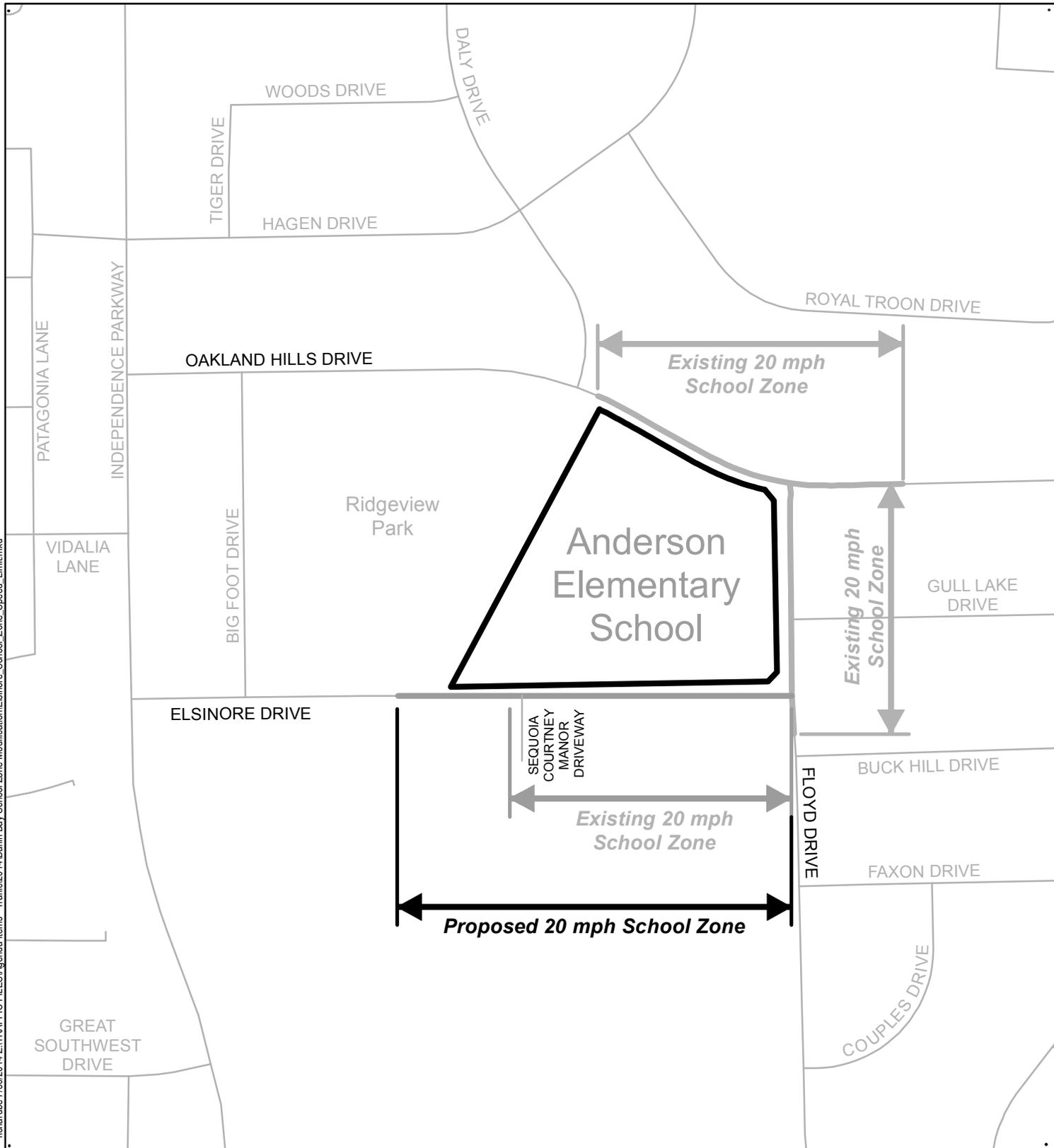
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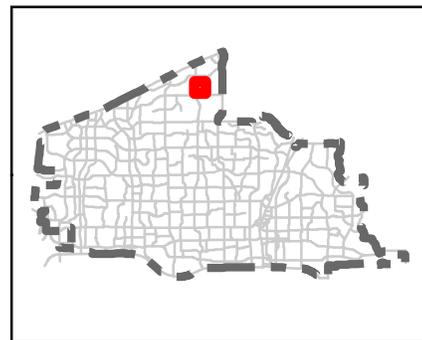
Baffin Bay Drive School Zone Map



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Elsinore Drive School Zone Map



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WHEREAS, the primary purpose of school zone speed limits is to reduce the speed of travel on roadways at school crosswalks in order to reduce the potential for catastrophic pedestrian – vehicle collisions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Plano City Council on June 26, 2006 by Ordinance 2006-6-29 established a school zone speed limit on 15th Street at Stratford Drive for Shepard Elementary School, Wilson Middle School, and Vines High School that set the maximum roadway speed for the school zone, the zone boundaries, and the operating times; and

WHEREAS, the City of Plano City Council on June 26, 2006 by Ordinance 2006-6-29 established a school zone speed limit on Baffin Bay Drive for Harrington Elementary School that set the maximum roadway speed for the school zone, the zone boundaries, and the operating times; and

WHEREAS, the City of Plano City Council on August 8, 2011 by Ordinance 2011-8-4 established a school zone speed limit on Elsinore Drive for Anderson Elementary School that set the maximum roadway speed for the school zone, the zone boundaries, and the operating times; and

WHEREAS, City of Plano Transportation Engineering staff received reports that the view of the eastbound school zone sign assembly on 15th Street approaching the Stratford Drive school crossing was obscured by landscaping; and

WHEREAS, City of Plano Transportation Engineering staff and Public Works Traffic Maintenance staff determined the closest location to relocate the eastbound school zone sign assembly on 15th Street was in the median approximately 100 feet west of the existing west school zone boundary; and

WHEREAS, City of Plano Transportation Engineering staff received reports of school crossing activity in close proximity to the zone boundaries of the school zones on Baffin Bay Drive and Elsinore Drive; and

WHEREAS, engineering and traffic investigations confirmed school crossing activity in close proximity to the zone boundaries of the school zones on Baffin Bay Drive and Elsinore Drive; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Plano finds it is necessary and is in the best interest of the City and its citizens to revise the boundaries of the school zones on 15th Street, Baffin Bay Drive and Elsinore Drive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLANO, TEXAS, THAT:

Section I. The City Council hereby amends the portion of Ordinance No. 2006-6-29 (6/26/2006) currently codified as Chapter 12, *Motor Vehicles and Traffic*, Article IV, *Speed*, Section 12-73(d), Subsection “15th Street,” Sub-Subsection “(2)” of the City of Plano Code of Ordinances to read as follows:

“(2) Between a point two hundred (200) feet east of Highedge Drive and a point three hundred (300) feet west of Mill Valley Drive on school days between 7:15 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. and between 2:30 p.m. and 4:45 p.m. (P)”

Section II. The City Council hereby amends the portion of Ordinance No. 2006-6-29 (6/26/2006) currently codified as Chapter 12, *Motor Vehicles and Traffic*, Article IV, *Speed*, Section 12-73(d), Subsection “Baffin Bay Drive,” Sub-Subsection “(1)” of the City of Plano Code of Ordinances to read as follows:

“(1) Between a point one hundred seventy-five (175) feet west of Country Place Drive and a point one thousand forty (1,040) feet east of Country Place Drive on school days between 7:15 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. and between 2:30 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. (P)”

Section III. The City Council hereby amends the portion of Ordinance No. 2011-8-4 (8/8/2011) currently codified as Chapter 12, *Motor Vehicles and Traffic*, Article IV, *Speed*, Section 12-73(d), Subsection “Elsinore Drive,” Sub-Subsection “(1)” of the City of Plano Code of Ordinances to read as follows:

“(1) Between Floyd Drive and a point eight hundred seventy-five (875) feet west of Floyd Drive on school days between 7:20 a.m. and 8:20 a.m. and between 2:35 p.m. and 3:20 p.m. (F)”

Section IV. The Traffic Engineer of Plano is hereby authorized to cause to be erected appropriate signs indicating such speed zones.

Section V. All provisions of the Ordinances of the City of Plano, codified or uncodified, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, except that an Ordinance of the City establishing a school zone and speed limit therefore within the zones changed herein, shall not be repealed but shall prevail over this Ordinance. All other provisions of the Ordinances of the City of Plano, codified or uncodified, not in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, shall remain in full force and full effect.

Section VI. It is the intention of the City Council that this Ordinance, and every provision hereof, shall be considered severable, and the invalidity of any section, clause or provision or part or portion of any section, clause, or provision of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other portion of this Ordinance.

Section VII. Any violation of the provisions or terms of this ordinance by any person, firm, or corporation shall be a misdemeanor offense and shall be subject to a fine not to exceed TWO HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$200.00) for each offense. Each and every violation shall be deemed to constitute a separate offense.

Section VIII. The repeal of any Ordinance or part of any Ordinance effectuated by the enactment of this Ordinance shall not be construed as abandoning any action now pending under or by virtue of such Ordinance or as discontinuing, abating, modifying, or altering any penalty accruing or to accrue, or as affecting any rights of the municipality under any section or provisions of any ordinances at the time of passage of this Ordinance.

Section IX. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage, publication as required by law and after all necessary signs have been installed.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th day of November, 2014.

Harry LaRosiliere, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Lisa C. Henderson, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Paige Mims, CITY ATTORNEY