

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE CALENDAR NO. 3962

ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO. _____

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MR. BURKHALTER

PROVIDED BY: COUNCIL OFFICE

INTRODUCED BY MR. GOULD

SECONDED BY MR. BELLISARIO

ON THE 6TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2008

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SPEED LIMIT OF 15 MPH ON ROADS IN A PORTION OF KINGSPPOINT SUBDIVISION. (WARD 8, DISTRICT 14)

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish Government is charged with protecting the safety and general welfare of citizens of the parish; and

WHEREAS, by nature of their narrow widths, volume of traffic and vehicle parking on shoulders, certain roads within Kingspoint Subdivision are unsafe at standard speed limits; and

WHEREAS, affected citizens have requested control measures be taken to address this unsafe situation on Parish roads.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY ORDAINS, that

SECTION I: A speed limit of 15 mph is hereby established on the entirety of the following roads within the subdivision of Kingspoint, all of which are north of Voters Road (8-V-2). WARD 8, DISTRICT 14:

- Kingspoint Blvd north of Voters Rd (8-V-16)
- Foxcroft St (8-V-19)
- Tiffany St (8-V-24)
- Tumblebrook St (8-V-25)
- Brookhaven Ct (8-V-28)
- Hollow Rock Ct (8-V-23)
- Foxbriar St (8-V-20)
- Brookter St north of Voters Rd to Foxbriar St (8-V-108)
- Almond Creek Rd (8-V-21)
- Somerset Rd (8-V-22)
- Runnymede Cir (8-V-26)
- Nottingham Ln (8-V-27)
- Windrift St (8-V-17)
- Sugar Tree Ct (8-V-18)
- Trafalgar Sq (8-V-29)

SECTION II: The Parish Department of Public Works is directed to post the appropriate signs at these locations.

SECTION III: If any provision of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision herein which can be given effect without the invalid provision and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

SECTION IV: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION IV: This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final adoption.

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: _____, SECONDED BY: _____

WHEREUPON THIS ORDINANCE WAS SUBMITTED TO A VOTE AND RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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THIS ORDINANCE WAS DECLARED DULY ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ON THE 4th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2008; AND BECOMES ORDINANCE COUNCIL SERIES NO. _____.

JERRY BINDER, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

THERESA FORD, COUNCIL CLERK

KEVIN C. DAVIS, PARISH PRESIDENT

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Donald C. Henderson Jr.

From: Kenneth Burkhalter [kbslidell@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, November 03, 2008 11:13 AM
To: Donald C. Henderson Jr.
Cc: Kay Koppenol
Subject: Re: Speed limit Kingspoint

Don

The streets are not safe enough for two cars to pass side by side at 25 mph
There are too many cars parked on the streets due to small driveways
this makes for a very dangerous situation with all the kids

let me know if you need anything

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Donald C. Henderson Jr.

From: Michael Spiehler
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2008 8:41 AM
To: Donald C. Henderson Jr.
Cc: Rebecca Lala
Subject: FW: Old Kingspoint s/d

From: Michael Spiehler
Sent: Wed 10/15/2008 12:18 PM
To: Rebecca Lala
Subject: FW: Old Kingspoint s/d

Rebecca please read over this and if its ok forward to Don.

The 85th's taken in Kings Point show the 85th being between 30-36 MPH. Federal Law requires us to be within 5 mph of the 85th, thus making the current 25 MPH Speed Limit being as low as we legally can make it. On SPECIAL occasions we can lower the Speed Limit 5-10 mph below the 85th if there are Driver Hazards such as a VERY Narrow Rd. (which would not allow traffic to pass each other freely) or a Gravel Rd. (which will hamper a car's traction).

Kingspoint's roads as I remember them are very wide, relatively smooth, and maybe even sub-surfaced. Not only does this not qualify them for a special Speed Limit, but it also leads to higher speeds because people tend to drive the speed they feel safe driving, NOT the posted speed limit. The smoother, wider, and straighter a road is made the faster people will drive no matter the posted speed limit, thus explaining some of the 85th Federal Law. If people are BREAKING the CURRENT SPEED LIMIT, they will NOT obey a lower one, it will only cause some of the people who are obeying the law and currently driving 25 MPH to become law breakers! The posted speed limit signs serve as a notification to drivers and an Enforcement Tool for the Sherriff's Office.

If there is a SPEEDING ISSUE, **It is the Sherriff's Offices Responsibility to enforce the speed limit** that we have posted out there. It is our responsibility to post the correct speed limit so that the law abiding citizens that are currently driving 25 mph don't get tickets for driving the speed that the MUTCD requires us to post.

In short, the Current Speed Limit is Posted Correctly. **The Engineering department is adamantly opposed to this request.**

Thanks
Michael

NOTE: April 19, 2007 we recommended to PW to place on Kingspoint Blvd. (8-V-16), 6-"Speed Limit 25", 5-"Slow Children @ Play, and 12-"STOP."
I will also place this Subdivision back on my list to be reevaluated for additional signage.

Also if there is any other variables in this case please let me know.

From: Rebecca Lala
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2008 11:06 AM
To: Michael Spiehler