

GLENN HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL COURT OF RECORD

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Did you know?

Setting Speed Limits

Texas law requires that speed limits on state roadways be set at the state maximum, unless traffic and engineering studies show a need to alter a speed limit for safety reasons.

Maximum Speed Limit

The law sets the maximum at 70 mph, but allows the Texas Transportation Commission to establish a maximum speed limit of 75 mph (80 mph or 85 mph if the highway is designed to accommodate that speed) on the highway system if that speed is determined to be safe and reasonable after a traffic or engineering study. A maximum speed limit of 80 mph within 10 counties on Interstate 10 and Interstate 20 is also permitted.

City governments and TxDOT must conduct traffic and engineering studies according to requirements outlined in TxDOT's publication, [Procedures for Establishing Speed Zones](#), when setting a speed limit on the state highway system. Speed limits on state highways may be set by the Commission or by a city if the highway is within city limits.

Jurisdiction

Citizen requests for speed zone studies on highways should be made to the [TxDOT district office](#) with jurisdiction over the roadway.

TxDOT only has jurisdiction over setting speed limits on the state highway system. Questions about speed limits on city streets or county roads should be directed to the transportation departments of these local governments.¹

Saved by the belt

Buckling up is your best bet to prevent serious injury or death in a crash. Crashes where the victims aren't wearing safety belts can be deadly. People who aren't buckled up are often thrown out of their car or truck, and sometimes the vehicle rolls over them.²

- TxDOT - www.txdot.gov
- <http://texasclickitorticket.com/>
- National Teen Driver Safety Week October 15 – 21, 2017
 - www.nhtsa.gov



¹ Texas Dept. Of Transportation website

² texasclickitorticket.com