

# VALLEY RANCH

## Property Owners' Association, Inc.

April 8, 2016

Valley Ranch Residents:

Following the February 16<sup>th</sup> Annual HOA Membership Meeting, we researched the speeding issue with the City of Temple and Bell County.

With the exception of 400' of Dubose Rd. at FM93, Bell County is responsible for the remainder of Dubose Rd. When contacted, Bell County Engineer, Bryan Neaves, agreed to perform a traffic study to determine if a reduction from the current 60 MPH speed limit is justified. Speed limits on county roads are based on the average speed of 85% of vehicles during a 24-hour period.

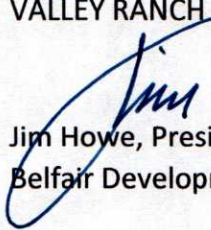
The Dubose Road study was performed and Bell County Commissioners Court, during a recent meeting, voted to reduce the speed limit to 40 mph. Speed limit signs will be posted in the near future.

Internal Valley Ranch speed limits are determined by the City of Temple. Kenny Henderson, Street Services Director, informed us that all city residential speed limits are 30 MPH. He also stated that the city has not reduced a residential speed limit in 15-20 years.

Temple is receptive to performing a Valley Ranch traffic study to determine the best method of slowing traffic (Traffic exceeding the 30 MPH speed limit). The results of such study would open the possibility of the city installing a "traffic calming" device. Device type would be determined solely by the city, with the HOA having no voice in the method chosen. Based on member comments at the meeting, in lieu of a study at this time, we requested additional police patrols. Concerned members are encouraged to request the Temple Police Department provide additional patrols.

Members desiring to report speeding violations, are encouraged to report Dubose violations to the County, and internal Valley Ranch violations to the City.

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