

Big Springs Avenue, Speed Limit

The City has recently conducted a survey and review of the speed limit and signage that is located on Big Springs Ave. The road is located on the south side of the Tullahoma High School and connects Jackson St to Wilson Ave. The road serves not only the High School but also two businesses, the Head Start facility, Frazier McEwen Park, and Grider Stadium. The speed limit and signage created some confusion and the City endeavored to address the need for some changes. The signage on Big Springs previously indicated the speed limit was 15 mph. As it was signed, and the Police Department enforced, Big Springs Ave was a 15 mph zone all the time regardless of whether school was in session, children present, or time of day. The City ordinance states (TC 15-213) the speed limit on all roads in Tullahoma is 30 mph unless stated otherwise. The City establishes a committee (City Administrator, Public Works Director, and Chief of Police) to review speed limits and make recommendation to the BMA for speed limits other than the stated 30 mph.

At the July 22nd meeting of the Board of Mayor and Alderman, a recommendation was made to raise the speed limit on Big Springs Ave to 20 mph. This recommendation of 20 mph is in keeping with the similar situation on North Collins Street in the area of the Seniors Citizen, Imagination Station, D W Wilson, and Cascade Ball field. The BMA approved the speed limit change and the public works department has adjusted the signage. So as the new school year begins, please take note of the new speed limit and understand this is a 20 mph speed limit all the time. Any questions about the speed limit on this road, or any other road, may be directed to Paul Blackwell, Chief of Police, at (931) 455-0530 or pblackwell@tullahomtn.gov.