

ORDINANCE NO. 2225

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALAMO HEIGHTS, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 18, TRAFFIC, SECTION 18-147, SCHEDULE B, STOP SIGNS BY CREATING A NEW THREE-WAY STOP INTERSECTION AT WEST ELMVIEW DRIVE AND COLUMBINE STREET AND AMENDING SECTION 18-147, SCHEDULE E, SCHOOL ZONES AND PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND OPEN MEETINGS CLAUSE.

WHEREAS, the regulation of traffic, motor vehicles and conveyances upon all public streets, roadway, and right-of-ways within the City limits of the City of Alamo Heights (the "City") is essential and necessary to protect the traveling public and to preserve and protect the public safety of the City; and

WHEREAS, sections 311.001 and 542.202(a) (10) of the Texas Transportation Code provides that a municipality has exclusive control over and under the public highways, streets, and alleys of the municipality and the authority to designate which streets will have no parking locations; and

WHEREAS, AHISD has acquired two large parcels of property directly across from the Alamo Heights High School for additional parking and one of the new parking areas between West Castano Avenue and Tuxedo will have 112 space and the second parking area will have 92 spaces for a combined total of 204 available parking spaces for students; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that a large number of vehicles using these new parking areas could impact traffic queuing on Broadway and bring higher traffic volumes between Nacogdoches Road and Broadway on Tuxedo Avenue, West Fair Oaks Drive and West Elmview Drive to get to the parking lot entrances. Higher volumes of traffic on these residential streets will be of concern to residents coupled with the presumed speeds of the vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department recommends a three-way stop intersection by installing stop signs for on West Elmview and Columbine as well as school zones for the area;

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

SECTION 1: Findings. The recitals are found to be true and correct and are hereby incorporated as part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2: Amendments to Chapter 18. Chapter 18 ("Traffic ") Section 18-147 (4) shall be amended, which is entitled "Schedule B-Stop Signs (4) three-way stop signs" which shall be amended to include the following intersection to add a three-way stop sign and to read as follows:

Sec. 18-147. - Schedule B – Stop Signs

(4) At the following intersections, three-way stop signs will be installed:

West Elmview Drive and Columbine Street, northeast, southwest, and southeast corners

SECTION 3. Amendments to Chapter 18. Chapter 18 ("Traffic") Section 18-147 (4) shall be amended, which is entitled "Schedule E- School Zones, School days between the hours of 7:00am to 9:00am and 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm by adding the following:

West Castano Avenue, between Broadway and Alamo Heights Boulevard;

Tuxedo Avenue, between Broadway and Columbine Street;

West Fair Oaks Drive, between Broadway and Columbine Street; and

West Elmview Drive, between Broadway and Columbine Street.

SECTION 4. All remaining provisions of Chapter 18 ("Traffic") Section 18-147, " Schedule B-Stop Signs" and "Schedule E-School Zones" shall remain unchanged except for the amendment to add the intersection underlined in Section 2 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. Conflicting Ordinances or Resolutions. All resolutions or ordinances or parts thereof conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance as adopted and amended herein, are hereby REPEALED to the extent of such conflict. In the event of a conflict or inconsistency between this ordinance and any other resolution, code or ordinance of the City, or parts thereof, the terms and provisions of this ordinance shall govern.

SECTION 6. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any purpose, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION 7. Open Meetings. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this ordinance is passed was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act.

SECTION 8. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective from and after its approval and passage in accordance with the Texas Local Government Code and the city charter.

PRESENTED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALAMO HEIGHTS, TEXAS THIS 12th DAY OF AUGUST 2024.



BOBBY ROSENTHAL, MAYOR

ATTEST:


ELSA ROBLES, CITY SECRETARY



APPROVED AS TO FORM:


FRANK J. GARZA, CITY ATTORNEY