## **CITY OF LIBERTY HILL**

## **ORDINANCE NO. 2024-O-025**

## No Parking on Main Street

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY HILL, TEXAS AMENDING THE LIBERTY HILL CODE OF ORDINANCES, ARTICLE 11.04 OF CHAPTER 11 REGARDING REGULATIONS FOR TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES; ESTABLISHING "NO PARKING ZONES" RESTRICTING MOTOR VEHICLE PARKING IN DOWNTOWN; PROVIDING FOR THE POSTING OF "NO PARKING" SIGNS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING A PENALTY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Liberty Hill, Texas has authority under law to regulate public streets, including the parking, stopping, and standing of vehicles within the City, pursuant to Texas Transportation Code Chapters 311, 542, and 545, as well as Texas Local Government Code Chapter 601 and other law; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the health, safety, and general welfare of the City of Liberty Hill, Texas, to amend the parking regulations; and

WHEREAS, the parking of motor vehicles in certain high traffic areas within the corporate boundaries of the City of Liberty Hill presents a danger that threatens the public's health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the health, safety, and general welfare of the City of Liberty Hill, Texas, to amend the parking regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that this Ordinance was passed and approved at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Liberty Hill held in struct compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act at which a quorum of the City Council Members was present and voting.

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY HILL, TEXAS:

### 1. FINDINGS OF FACT

The foregoing recitals are incorporated into this Ordinance by reference as findings of fact as if expressly set forth herein.

## 2. ENACTMENT

Chapter 11 of the City of Liberty Hill Code of Ordinances, Traffic, and Vehicles is hereby amended so as to read in accordance with *Attachment "A,"* which is attached hereto and incorporated into this Ordinance for all intents and purposes. Attachment A shall be inserted into the Code of Ordinances as Chapter 11, Article 11.005(c).

#### 3. SEVERABILITY

Should any of the clauses, sentences, paragraphs, sections, or parts of this Ordinance be deemed invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable by a court of law or administrative agency with jurisdiction over the matter, such action shall not be construed to affect any other valid portion of this Ordinance

#### 4. REPEALER

All ordinances, resolutions, or parts thereof, that are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and remain controlling as to the matters regulated, herein.

#### 5. CODIFICATION

The City Secretary is hereby directed to record and publish the attached rules, regulations, and policies in the City's Code of Ordinances.

#### 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage and publication of caption.

#### 7. PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING

It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public and that the public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, and Chapter 551. Notice was also provided as required by Chapter 52 of the Texas Local Government Code.

PASSED & APPROVED this 24th day of July, 2024, by a vote of 4 (ayes) to 0 (nays) to 0 (abstentions) of the City Council of Liberty Hill, Texas.

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## **ATTACHMENT A**

## § 11.04.005 Miscellaneous parking restrictions.

## (c) No parking zones.

- (1) No person shall park or stand any vehicle on the following parts of streets at any time, including but not limited to Sundays and holidays:
- (A) <u>Main Street</u>. Both sides of Main Street in the city from the intersection of Main Street and RM 1869 to the intersection of Main Street and Munro.
- (2) A person commits an offense if the person parks or stores, or allows to be parked or stored, any vehicle in a no parking zone established by this section.
- (3) An offense under this subsection is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$1.00 or more than \$500.00.
- (4) If a vehicle is found unattended and parked or stopped in violation of any of the restrictions imposed by this chapter it is presumed that the registered owner of the vehicle is the person who stopped, stood, or parked the vehicle at the time and place the offense occurred.
- (5) Any vehicle parked in a no parking zone is hereby declared to be an obstruction in the public way and the chief of police, or their designee, may request the removal of said vehicle, at the owner's expense.
- (6) The City Manager, or designee, is authorized to erect "no parking, tow-away zone" signs consistent with this Chapter.