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ORDINANCE NO. 2013-08-26-5

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE INSTALLATION AND ERECTION OF SPEED CONTROL SIGNS FOR THE ZONING OF TRAFFIC AND RATE OF SPEED THEREON, IN THE CITY LIMITS OF RANGER; DEFINING SPEEDING AND FIXING A PENALTY THEREFORE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND ORDAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT MATTER THEREOF.

Whereas, the regulation of traffic, motor vehicles and conveyances upon all public streets, roadways and right-of-ways constituting a speed zone within the City limits is essential and necessary to protect and to preserve the public safety of the City of Ranger, Texas (the "City");


Whereas, after review, inquiry and the opportunity for citizen participation at a public hearing, the City Commission has found the speed control signs hereinafter set forth and listed in this ordinance are reasonable and necessary for the public safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. Findings. The foregoing recitals are hereby found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted by the City Commission and made a part hereof for all purposes as findings of fact.

Section 2. Ratification and Confirmation. The installation, placement, erection and enforcement of the traffic and speed control signs for the speed zones set forth in Exhibit "A" are hereby confirmed and ratified by the City Commission. Each speed zone listed in column one of Exhibit "A" shall require traffic and/or motor vehicles to proceed at the speed indicated in column two while traveling in the zone and said speed zone shall be in effect at all times. Signs will be erected giving notice of the prima facie speed limit so declared in column two unless otherwise changed by another traffic control device placed pursuant to a duly enacted speed zone, such as a school speed zone.

Section 3. Traffic Control Speed Signs. The City Commission hereby orders and directs that the traffic speed zone signs for providing notice of the prima facie speed limits in Exhibit "A" shall be placed, installed and erected, and that each such sign be hereafter maintained and enforced by the City. A sign indicates the prima facie speed limit in the direction facing the sign.



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Section 4. Speed Control Zones.

Exhibit "A" is incorporated hereby as though fully transcribed herein for all purposes. In Exhibit "A", each speed control zone listed in column one shall require traffic traveling on the street in the direction listed to observe the prima facie maximum speed limit in column two, which is in effect at all times unless otherwise changed by another traffic control device placed pursuant to a duly enacted speed zone, such as a school speed zone.

Section 5. Prima Facia Speed. Unless otherwise posted and designated, the maximum prima facie reasonable and prudent speed upon any roadway constituting an urban district shall be 30 miles per hour upon any roadway within the City limits and 15 miles per hour upon any alley within the City limits.

Section 6. Violation and Penalties. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive or operate a motor vehicle that enters the speed zone identified in Exhibit "A" without observing the prima facie maximum speed limit established by this ordinance, where said speed zones shall remain in effect at all times. Further, it shall be unlawful for any person to tamper with, alter, remove, destroy, cover or hinder the visibility, of any traffic device control device erected by this Ordinance in a manner which is inconsistent with its use as a traffic control device. Any person who violates this ordinance or part thereof shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50.00 or more than \$200.00.

Section 7. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances. All parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict only. In the event of a conflict or inconsistency between this ordinance and any other code or ordinance of the City, the terms and provisions of the most restrictive ordinance shall govern.

Section 8. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper of the City, as required by law and shall become effective after publication as provided by law.

Section 9. Severability. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Commission that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this ordinance are severable and, if any phrase, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance should be declared invalid by the final judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Commission without the incorporation in this ordinance of any such invalid phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section. If any provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

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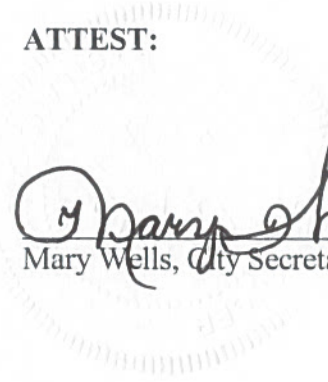
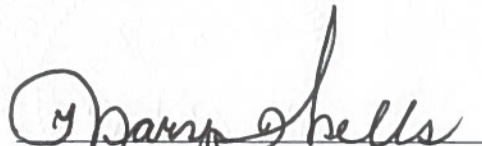
Section 10. Open Meetings. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this ordinance is passed was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, *Chapt. 551, Tex. Gov't. Code.*


PASSED AND APPROVED ON FIRST READING the 12th day of August, 2013.

FINALLY ADOPTED ON SECOND READING this the 26th day of August, 2013.

ATTEST:

THE CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS



Mary Wells, City Secretary


Troy Emery, Mayor

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Exhibit A

Speed Zone Location (Column One)	Prima Facie Maximum Speed (Column Two)
Oak Hill Road, Southbound	20 miles per hour
Oak Hill Road, Northbound	20 miles per hour
Oak Lane, from its intersection with Oakcrest Drive on the West end of street to its intersection with Oakcrest Drive on the East end of the street, Eastbound	20 miles per hour
Oak Lane, from its intersection with Oakcrest Drive on the East end of the street to its intersection with Oakcrest Drive on the West end of the street, Westbound	20 miles per hour
Oakcrest Drive, all directions of travel	20 miles per hour