

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-08-25-11

 ORIGINAL

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PARKING AND STANDING ON WEST LOOP 254; PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS AND PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING AN OPEN MEETINGS CLAUSE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Whereas, regulation of parking in certain locations on West Loop 254 is necessary for traffic and public safety;

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

**Section 1. West Loop 254.** Parking on the right-of-way of West Loop 254 shall be regulated and controlled as follows:

- (a) ) No motor vehicles or trailers shall be parked or left standing upon the right-of-way of West Loop 254 and parking or the standing of a vehicle on such right-of-way is prohibited.

**Section 2. Emergency Vehicles.** The driver of an authorized emergency vehicle (as defined by state law) is exempt from the terms of this ordinance when responding to an emergency call, or when in pursuit of an actual emergency and can exercise the privileges set forth in the state laws.

**Section 3. Enforcement.** The Chief of Police and members of the Police Department, both regular and reserve officers, are empowered to enforce this ordinance.

**Section 4. Towing and Removal.** Any vehicle or trailer which shall be or remain standing or parked upon West Loop 254 within the prohibited area designated in Section One above may be removed by or upon order of a police officer, if such vehicle is left unattended and constitutes a safety hazard or an obstruction to traffic, or such vehicle or trailer is parked in a manner to block the entrance to any private driveway, or such vehicle or trailer constitutes a hazard by reason of any catastrophe, emergency or unusual circumstance, or the safety of the vehicle or trailer is imperiled. A vehicle or trailer that is removed or towed pursuant to this section shall be stored in a privately operated garage or storage yard, or other place designated by the City. The owner of such vehicle shall be responsible for the payment of any fees incurred for the towing and/or storage of said vehicle.

**Section 5. Penalties.** Any person convicted of violating any provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

**Section 6. Prima Facie Evidence.** In any prosecution charging a violation of this ordinance governing the standing or parking of a vehicle, proof that the particular vehicle described in the complaint was parked in violation of Section One above, together with proof that the defendant named in the complaint was, at the time of such parking, the registered owner of such

vehicle, shall constitute in evidence a prima facie presumption that the registered owner of such vehicle was the person who parked or placed such vehicle at the point where, and for the time during which, such violation occurred.

**Section 7. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**Section 8. Severability.** If any provision of this ordinance or the application of any provision to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications hereof which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

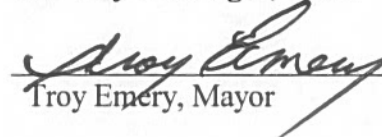
**Section 9. Open Meetings.** That it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this ordinance is passed was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapt. 551, Loc. Gov't. Code.

**Section 10. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council and publication as required by the Local Government Code.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** on first reading this 11th day of August, 2014.

**FINALLY PASSED AND APPROVED** this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014.

**The City of Ranger, Texas**

  
Troy Emery, Mayor

Attest:

  
Mary Wells, City Secretary