

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DENTON AMENDING CHAPTER 18 "MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC", "ARTICLE III SPEED OF VEHICLES", SECTION 18-73 "SPEED LIMITS ON CERTAIN ROADS AND HIGHWAYS", "SCHOOL ZONES", OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DENTON, TO CHANGE THE SPEED LIMITS OF CERTAIN PARTS OF MCCORMICK STREET, WESTWOOD DRIVE, AND MERCEDES ROAD IN THE VICINITY OF BORMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; PROVIDING CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Denton's Transportation Services Division routinely reviews the speed limits in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Denton, as amended, in order to make corrections, additions, or amendments, where appropriate; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, staff completed a Citywide Speed Study and made recommendations to Council and adopted on Dec. 6, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2025, staff held a public meeting with the Denia Park Neighborhood and community members expressed their safety concerns regarding high-speed traffic near Borman Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Transportation Services Division after a thorough observation recommends adding three additional school zone speed limit signs to the area surrounding the school, in addition to the two existing signs; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Transportation Code Section 545.356 specifies the procedures for a municipality to set speed zones and to post speed limits, staff recommends to put the Speed Limit Signs for Borman Elementary School on 300 feet north of the intersections of McCormick Street and Parvin Street, Westwood Drive and Parvin Street, and Mercedes Road and Parvin Street during school pick-up and drop-off hours, from 7 AM to 8 AM and from 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM to reduce the speed limit from 30 miles per hour to 20 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds the proposed changes to Chapter 18 "Motor Vehicles and Traffic", Article III "Speed of Vehicles", Section 18-73 "Speed Limits on Certain Roads and Highways", incorporates the above studies and recommendations by Transportation Services Division; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the proposed revisions are in the interest of public health and safety; NOW THEREFORE,

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DENTON HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. The recitals contained in the preamble of this ordinance are incorporated into the body of this ordinance as if set out fully herein.

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby amends the existing Section 18-73 "Speed Limits on Certain Roads and Highways," in Chapter 18 "Motor Vehicles and Traffic", Article III "Speed of Vehicles", "School Zones", which shall read as shown in Exhibit 1.

SECTION 3. Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be fined a sum not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00), unless the violation occurs in a work zone when workers are present and then the penalty shall not exceed four hundred dollars (\$400.00).

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall supersede and replace all previous conflicting provisions of City ordinances and Code. All other non-conflicting provisions, including those of Chapter 18 of the Code of the City of Denton, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect, save and except as amended by this ordinance.

SECTION 5. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance are severable, and, if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality 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 Council without the incorporation in this ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section.

SECTION 6. The City Secretary is hereby directed to record and publish the above revised section in the City's Code of Ordinances as authorized by Section 52.001 of the Texas Local Government Code.

SECTION 7. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public, and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551. Notice was also provided as required by Chapter 52 of the Texas Local Government Code,

SECTION 8. This Ordinance providing for a penalty, shall become effective thirty (30) days from its passage, and the City Secretary is hereby directed to cause the caption of this Ordinance to be published twice in the Denton Record Chronicle, a daily newspaper published in the City of Denton, Texas, within ten (10) days of the date of its passage.

The motion to approve this ordinance was made by _____ and seconded by _____. This ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote [___ - ___]:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Mayor Gerard Hudspeth:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Vicki Byrd, District 1:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Brian Beck, District 2:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Suzy Rumohr, District 3:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Joe Holland, District 4:	_____	_____	_____	_____

Brandon Chase McGee, At Large Place 5: _____

Jill Jester, At Large Place 6: _____

PASSED AND APPROVED this the _____ day of _____, 2025.

GERARD HUDSPETH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LAUREN THODEN, CITY SECRETARY

BY: _____

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

MACK REINWAND, CITY ATTORNEY

BY:

Healy McMahon

Exhibit 1

Sec. 18-73. Speed limits on certain roads and highways.

Upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation heretofore made as authorized by the provisions of V.C.T.A., Transportation Code § 545.356, the following prima facie speed limits hereafter indicated for vehicles are hereby determined and declared to be reasonable and safe; and such speed limits are hereby fixed at the rate of speed indicated for vehicles traveling upon the named streets and highways, or parts thereof, described as follows:

School Zones

With regard to school zone speed limits set forth below, the time periods for the reduced school zone speed limits shall apply on school days when signs are posted giving notice of the school zone times or when school zone lights are activated giving notice of the active school zone.

SCHOOL NAME	ROADWAY	FROM	TO	SPEED LIMIT	TIMES
Alexander Elementary School	Double Oak St.	Mack Dr.	Longmeadow St.	20	7am – 8am & 2:30pm – 3:30pm
	Longmeadow St.	Double Oak St.	Paisley St.		
	Mack Dr.	Double Oak St.	Paisley St.		
	Paisley St.	200' W of Mack Dr.	70' E of Longmeadow St.		
Billy Ryan High School	McKinney St./FM 426	500' W of Billy Ryan High School's Driveway	525' E of Billy Ryan High School's Driveway	30	8am – 9am & 4pm – 5pm
Borman Elementary School	Parvin St.	150' W of McCormick St.	100' E of Mercedes St.	20	7am – 8a, & 2:30pm – 3:30pm
	McCormick St.	300' north of Parvin	Parvin St.	20	
	Westwood Dr.	300' north of Parvin	Parvin St.	20	
	Mercedes Rd.	300' north of Parvin	Parvin St.	20	
Denton High School	Bonnie Brae St.	200' N of Riney Rd.	964' N of Windsor Dr.	25	8am – 9am & 4pm – 5pm
	Bronco Way	146' W of Kingsview Dr.	Bonnie Brae St.	20	
	Cobblestone Row	Evers Pkwy.	170' E of Ashcroft Ln.	20	7am – 8am & 2:30pm – 3:30pm

Evers Park Elementary School	Evers Pkwy.	350' S of Gardenview St.	50' S of Robbie-O St.		
	N Locust St	300' N of Cobblestone Row	300' S of Cobblestone Row	25	
Fred Moore High School	Cross Timbers St.	100' S of Mill St.	Mill St.	20	7am – 8am & 2:30pm – 3:30pm
	Cross Timbers St.	Mill St.	Wye St.	30	
	Mill St.	150' W of Cross Timber St.	100' W of Robertson St.	20	
	Wye St.	150' W of Cross Timber St.	Cross Timber St.		
Ginnings Elementary School	Stuart Rd.	250' N of Imperial Dr.	175' N of Sun Valley Dr.	20	7am – 8am & 2:30pm – 3:30pm
	Sun Valley Dr.	Stuart Rd.	200' E of Yellowstone Pl.		
	Yellowstone Pl.	300' N or Imperial Dr.	Sun Valley Dr.		
Gonzalez School for Young Children	Long Rd.	150' NE of Stuart Rd.	650' E of Ridgepoint Dr.	20	7am – 8am & 2:30pm – 3:30pm
Hodge Elementary School	Farris Rd.	Silver Dome Rd.	200' N of Grant Pkwy.	20	7am – 8am & 2:30pm – 3:30pm
	Grant Pkwy.	Deer Forest Dr.	Farris Rd.		
Immaculate Conception School	N Bonnie Brae St	300' N Bonnie Brae	300' S Bonnie Brae	20	7am – 8am & 2:30pm – 3:30pm
John H. Guyer High School	Teasley Ln./FM 2181	1100' S of Leatherwood Rd.	1090' N of Leatherwood Rd.	30	8am – 9am & 4pm – 5pm
	Old Alton Rd.	Teasley Ln.	500' S of Teasley Ln.	25	
LaGrone Advanced Technology Complex	Long Rd.	150' NE of Stuart Rd.	650' E of Ridgepoint Dr.	20	7:30am – 8:30am & 10:30am – 11:15am & 12pm – 12:35pm & 2:35pm – 3:40pm
McMath Middle School	Londonderry Ln.	Teasley Ln.	100' E of Sam Bass Blvd.	20	7:30am – 8:30am & 3pm – 4pm

McNair Elementary School	Hickory Creek Rd.	765' W of Montecito Dr.	430' E of Montecito Dr.	20	7am – 8am & 2:30pm – 3:30pm
	Montecito Dr.	700' S of Hickory Creek Rd.	50' N of Hickory Creek Rd.		
Nelson Elementary School	Teasley Ln.	350' S of Ryan Rd.	900' N of Ryan Rd.	30	7am – 8am & 2:30pm – 3:30pm
Nette Shultz Elementary School	Emerson Ln.	150' E of Glenwood Ln.	350' W of Rockwood Ln.	20	7am – 8am & 2:30pm – 3:30pm
	Glenwood Ln.	150' S of Emerson Ln.	E Windsor Dr.		
	Hanover Dr.	450' NW of Emerson Ln.	E Windsor Dr.		
	Windsor Dr.	150' W of Longfellow Ln.	275' E of Hanover Dr.		
Newton Rayzor Elementary School/Calhoun Middle School	Bryan St.	Crescent St.	150' N of Linden St.	20	7am – 8:30am & 2:30pm – 4pm
	Crescent St.	Bryan St.	150' E of Fulton St.		
	Fulton St.	150' N of Crescent St.	Linden St.		
Pecan Creek Elementary School	Lakeview Blvd.	Black Walnut	300' S of Burr Oak Ln.	20	7am – 8am & 2:30pm – 3:30pm
	Pockrus Page Rd.	270' W of Post Oak Blvd.	170' E of Post Oak Blvd.		
Reeves Elementary School	Riney Road	300' E of N Bonnie Brae St.	300' E of Hardaway Rd.	20	7am – 8am & 2:30pm – 3:30pm
Rivera Elementary School	Newton St.	200' N of Morse St.	225' N of Wilson St.	20	7am – 8am & 2:30pm – 3:30pm
	Wilson St.	350' E of Newton St.	Newton St.		
Sam Houston Elementary School	Teasley Ln.	325' E of Pennsylvania Dr.	465' W of Lillian Miller Pkwy.	25	7am – 8am & 2:30pm – 3:30pm
Stricklan Middle School	Bell Ave.	Driftwood Tr.	225' N of Windsor Dr.	20	7:30am – 8:30am & 3pm – 4pm
	Windsor Dr.	560' E of N Locust St./FM 2164	225' E of Bell Ave.		

The Davis School	Davis St.	100' W of Wood St.	Ruddell St.	20	6:30am – 7:30am & 2:30pm – 3:30pm
	Ruddell St.	100' S of Davis St.	300' N of Davis St.		
	Wood St.	100' S of Davis St.	300' N of Davis St.		
W.S. Ryan Elementary School	Creekside Dr.	550' S of Ryan Rd.	Ryan Rd.	20	7am – 8am & 2:30pm – 3:30pm
	Ryan Rd.	500' W of Creeksdale Dr.	500' E of Forrestridge Dr.		
Windle School for Young Children	Audra Ln.	150' N of Paisley St.	Oak Tree Dr.	20	7am – 8am & 3pm – 4pm
	Mulkey Ln.	400' N of Paisley St.	150' N of Oak Tree Dr.		