

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE CITY OF DENTON VISION ZERO ACTION PLAN, PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is a framework which seeks to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries by incorporating the Safe System Approach and designing infrastructure that mitigates human mistakes and vulnerability; and

WHEREAS, in May 2022, Development Services kicked off Vision Zero Phase 1 to assess the City's safety programs across departments to identify opportunities for alignment with the Vision Zero framework; and

WHEREAS, in January 2025, the Transportation Services Division started Phase 2, the Vision Zero Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Vision Zero Action Plan provides City staff and local partners with a structured, data-driven approach to identify, prioritize, and implement projects that improve roadway safety; and

WHEREAS, the Vision Zero Action Plan identifies the High Injury Network which highlights the road segments in the city with high number of traffic fatalities, serious injuries, and proposes the selection of countermeasures to provide more safety on the selected corridors; and

WHEREAS, through an extensive public engagement process involving the Task Force, residents, internal and external stakeholders; a vision statement, community priorities, recommendations, and proposed countermeasures were crafted to guide efficient implementation of safety recommendations in the City of Denton as Vision Zero Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of the Vision Zero Action Plan will enhance quality of life, support public health, and improve community mobility by providing City staff and local partners with a structured, data-driven approach to identify, prioritize, and implement projects that improve roadway safety; and

WHEREAS, on April 29, the Vision Zero Action Plan was presented to the Mobility Committee for review, and the staff received positive feedback and support from the Committee; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that adopting the Vision Zero Action Plan is in the interest of the public health and safety of the citizens of the City of Denton; 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 Vision Zero Action Plan establishes an implementation program of safety countermeasures and strategies to eliminate traffic-related fatalities and severe injuries by 2050, thus fostering a safer community for the City of Denton and Denton County, Texas.

SECTION 3. The Denton City Council adopts the Vision Zero Action Plan and its recommendations and implementation actions, as presented in Exhibit A.

SECTION 4. 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 5. 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 6. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

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:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jordan Villarreal, District 1:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Nick Stevens, District 2:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Suzi 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 _____, 2026.

GERARD HUDSPETH, MAYOR

ATTEST:
KRISTI FOGLE, INTERIM CITY SECRETARY

BY: _____

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:
MACK REINWAND, CITY ATTORNEY

BY:  _____