

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-08

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TEXAS CITY, TEXAS, ALTERING THE PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS ESTABLISHED FOR VEHICLES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 545.356 AND 545.353 OF THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE, ON CERTAIN STREETS AND HIGHWAYS OR PARTS THEREOF WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF TEXAS CITY, AS SET OUT IN THIS ORDINANCE, TO WIT: SPEED ZONES FOR FM 517 AS RECOMMENDED BY TXDOT ON THE BASIS OF AN ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC INVESTIGATION; PROVIDING A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$1000.00 FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 545.356, Texas Transportation Code, provides that whenever the governing body of the City shall determine, upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, that any prima facie speed therein set forth is greater or less than is reasonable or safe under the conditions found to exist at any intersection or other place or upon any part of a street or highway within the City, taking into consideration the width and condition of the pavement and other circumstances on such portion of said street or highway, as well as the usual traffic thereon, said governing body may determine and declare a reasonable and safe prima facie speed limit thereat or thereon by the passage of an Ordinance, which shall be effective when appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected at such intersection or other place or part of the street or highway; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation conducted a speed zone study and recommends speed limits to be altered along FM 517 from the west City limit of the City of Texas City to the intersection of SH 146, a distance of approximately 2.284 miles; and,

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Texas City agrees it is in the best interest of the citizens of Texas City to determine and declare such designated areas as suggested by the Texas Department of Transportation as outlined in “**Exhibit A**”.

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

SECTION 1: Upon the basis of the Texas Department of Transportation speed zone study made as authorized by the provisions of section 545.356 of the Texas Transportation Code, 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:

- (1) Along FM 517 from the west City limit of the City of Texas City to the intersection of SH 146, a distance of approximately 2.284 miles, the speed limit shall be 50 mph.

SECTION 2: Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in a sum not more than One Thousands Dollars (\$1000.00).

SECTION 3: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed. In the event any section, clause, sentence, paragraph, or part of this Ordinance shall be for any reason adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect, invalidate, or impair the remainder of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4: That this Ordinance shall be read on three (3) separate days and shall become effective upon its final reading, passage, and adoption.

SECTION 5: That this Ordinance shall be finally passed upon the date of its introduction and shall become effective from and after its passage and adoption and publication by caption only in the official newspaper of the City.

PASSED ON FIRST READING this 2nd day of April 2025

Dedrick D. Johnson, Mayor
City of Texas City, Texas

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Rhomari D. Leigh
City Secretary

Kyle L. Dickson
City Attorney

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