



ORDINANCE NO. 1210

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS REGULATING THE SPEED OF VEHICLES WITHIN THE CITY; SPECIFYING THE REASONABLE AND PRUDENT SPEED FOR PUBLIC STREETS AND ALLEYS WITHIN THE CITY; SPECIFYING SPEED LIMITS IN DESIGNATED SCHOOL ZONES; DESIGNATING ONE WAY STREETS; AUTHORIZING THE ERECTION OF TRAFFIC REGULATION SIGNS; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED (\$200.00) DOLLARS FOR EACH OFFENSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. General Speed Limits.

(a) No person shall drive as defined by State Law a motor vehicle, a motorcycle, bicycle, motor driven cycle, motor-assisted cycle, or any other vehicle of any kind upon a public street, alley, highway, or parkway within the corporate limits of the City of Farmers Branch at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the circumstances then existing. Except where a special hazard exists that requires lower speeds for compliance with paragraph (b) of this section, no person shall operate or drive any motor vehicle or other vehicle on any street within the City of Farmers Branch at a greater speed than thirty (30) miles per hour, unless otherwise provided by subsequent sections of this ordinance, and any speed in excess of thirty (30) miles per hour, unless otherwise provided by subsequent sections of this

ordinance, shall be prima facie evidence that the speed is not reasonable or prudent and is unlawful.

(b) No person shall drive a vehicle upon a public street or a public alley within the corporation limits of the City of Farmers Branch at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions and having regard to the actual and potential hazards then existing. In every event speed shall be so controlled as may be necessary to avoid colliding with any person, vehicle or other conveyance on or entering the highway in compliance with legal requirements and the duty of all persons to use due care.

SECTION 2. Speed Limits on Certain Public Streets.

Upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation heretofore made as authorized by the provisions of Section 169, V.T.C.S., 6701d, Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways, 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 public streets and highways, or parts thereof, of the City, said speed limit to be in force and effect unless otherwise limited as prescribed by the provisions of this ordinance. The streets and highways hereby regulated, and the maximum prima facie speed limits thereof, are as follows:

<u>Streets and Location</u>	<u>Speed Limit</u>
<u>Dallas Parkway</u>	
1) From 85' north of the north curb on	

	the westbound service road of the Interstate Highway 635 (LBJ) to a point along the west curb of Dallas Parkway, 600' north of the north curb on the Interstate Highway 635 (LBJ) westbound service road to a point along the east curb of Dallas Parkway 385' north of the north curb on the Interstate Highway 635 (LBJ) westbound service road, which includes both the southbound and northbound lanes of Dallas Parkway within said area	45 m.p.h.
2)	The southbound lanes of the Dallas Parkway from a point 25' north of the centerline of Alpha Road to a point 1290' north of the north curb line of Spring Valley Road.	45 m.p.h.
<u>Denton Drive</u>		
1)	From the south city limit line to Carrick Street	35 m.p.h.
2)	From Havenhurst Street to the north city limit line	35 m.p.h.
<u>Golfing Green Drive</u>		
1)	From Webb Chapel to Josey Lane	20 m.p.h.
<u>East Service Road of Interstate Highway 35</u>		
1)	From the north city limit line to the south city limit line	35 m.p.h.
<u>West Service Road of Interstate Highway 35</u>		
1)	From the north city limit line to the south city limit line	35 m.p.h.
<u>Joanna Drive</u>		
1)	From Heartside Place to Old North Road	20 m.p.h.
<u>Inwood Road</u>		
1)	From the south city limit line to the north city limit line	40 m.p.h.
<u>Josey Lane</u>		
1)	From the south city limit line to Valley View Lane	35 m.p.h.
2)	From Valwood Parkway to north city limit line	35 m.p.h.

<u>Luna Road</u>		
1)	From the south right-of-way line of Royal Lane to the north right-of-way line of Valley View Lane	45 m.p.h.
<u>Marsh Lane</u>		
1)	From the south city limit line to Valley View Lane	35 m.p.h.
2)	From Valley View Lane to north city limit line	40 m.p.h.
<u>Midway Road</u>		
1)	From Interstate Highway 635 to Spring Valley Road	35 m.p.h.
<u>Millwood Drive</u>		
1)	From Josey Lane to Farmers Branch Lane	20 m.p.h.
<u>Rawhide Drive</u>		
1)	From Valley View Lane to William Dodson Parkway	20 m.p.h.
<u>Royal Lane</u>		
1)	From the east right-of-way line of Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Railroad to Luna Road	35 m.p.h.
2)	From Luna Road to the west city limit	40 m.p.h.
<u>Spring Valley Road</u>		
1)	From the center line of Dallas Parkway to the east right-of-way line of Midway Road	40 m.p.h.
<u>Tanglewood Drive</u>		
1)	From the centerline of Brookhaven Club Drive to the west curb line of Marsh Lane	20 m.p.h.
<u>Valley View Lane</u>		
1)	From the west city limit line at the Elm Fork of the Trinity River to the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Railroad tracks	45 m.p.h.
2)	From the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Railroad to the east city limit line	35 m.p.h.
<u>Veronica Road</u>		
1)	From Webb Chapel to Treeview Lane	20 m.p.h.

Wallace Road

- 1) From the north right-of-way line of Valley View Lane to the north right-of-way line of Keenan Bridge Road 45 m.p.h.

Webb Chapel

- 1) From the north city limit line to the south city limit line 35 m.p.h.

SECTION 3. Speed Limits in School Zones.

Upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation heretofore made as authorized by the provisions of Section 169, Article 670ld, V.T.C.S., the Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways, the prima facie speed limits hereinafter indicated for vehicles are hereby determined and declared to be reasonable and safe, and such speed limits are hereby fixed for vehicles traveling upon the following named streets and highways, or parts thereof, on school days and during the hours either (1) described on official school zone speed limit signs located at said zones; or (2) when school zone signs bearing a flashing amber light and located at said zones are in operation; or (3) during the hours as determined by the Director of Public Works.

The location of said school zones and the prima facie speed limit for said school zones are as follows, to-wit:

<u>Street and Location</u>	<u>Speed Limit</u>
<u>Amber Lane</u>	
1) From the intersection of Amber Lane and Birchlawn Drive to the intersection of Amber Lane and Heartside Place	20 m.p.h.
<u>Amsterdam Road</u>	
1) From the north right-of-way line of Myra Lane at its intersection with Amsterdam Road to the north right-of-way line of Cloverdale Lane at its intersection with Amsterdam Road	20 m.p.h.

Birchlawn Drive

- 1) From the intersection of Valwood Parkway and Birchlawn Drive to a point which is 72' south to the intersection of Amber Lane and Birchlawn Drive 20 m.p.h.

Dennis Lane

- 1) From 150' south of the intersection of Valwood Parkway and Dennis Lane south and west to 76' north of the intersection of Longmeade Drive and Dennis Lane 20 m.p.h.
- 2) From 17' south of the intersection of Greenhurst Drive and Dennis Lane south to 15' north of the intersection of Havenhurst Street and Dennis Lane 20 m.p.h.

Farmers Branch Lane

- 1) From the west right-of-way line of Josey Lane westward to a point which is 150' west of the west right-of-way line of Josey Lane 20 m.p.h.
- 2) From a point which is located 100' west of the centerline of Selma Lane at its intersection with Farmers Branch Lane westward to a point 150' west of the centerline of Tom Field Road at its intersection with Farmers Branch Lane 20 m.p.h.

Heartside Place

- 1) From a point which is 236' south of the intersection of Amber Lane and Heartside Place to the intersection of Valwood Parkway and Heartside Place 20 m.p.h.

Josey Lane

- 1) From the intersection of Fyke Road and Josey Lane to a point which is 125' south of the intersection of Rollingdale Lane and Josey Lane 20 m.p.h.
- 2) From a point which is 150' south of the intersection of Golfing Green Drive and Josey Lane to a point which is 123' southeast of the intersection of Charcoal Lane and Josey Lane 20 m.p.h.

- 3) From 28' north of the intersection of Maydelle Lane and Josey Lane south to the point on Josey Lane 71' south of the intersection of Millwood Drive 20 m.p.h.

Longmeade Drive

- 1) From a point which is 72' west of the intersection of Janwood Lane and Longmeade Drive through the intersection of Sundown Trail and Longmeade Drive 20 m.p.h.

Myra Lane

- 1) From the west right-of-way line of Templeton Trail at its intersection with Myra Lane to the east right-of-way line of Brisbane Avenue at its intersection with Myra Lane 20 m.p.h.

Richland Avenue

- 1) From the east right-of-way line of Goodwater Street to a point which is 125' west of the intersection of Pyramid Drive and Richland Avenue 20 m.p.h.

Ridgeoak Way

- 1) From the west right-of-way line of Templeton Trail at its intersection with Ridgeoak Way to the east right-of-way line of Amsterdam Road at its intersection with Ridgeoak Way 20 m.p.h.

Tom Field Road

- 1) From a point which is 129' of the intersection of Rawhide Drive and Tom Field Road north through the intersection of Richland Avenue and Tom Field Road 20 m.p.h.
- 2) From the north right-of-way line of Farmers Branch Lane northward to a point 100' south of the center of Danny Lane at its intersection with Tom Field Road 20 m.p.h.

Valley View Lane

- 1) From a point 360' east of the intersection of Valley View Lane and Brookhollow Drive, east to a point 300' east of the intersection of Valley View Lane and Belfield Drive 20 m.p.h.

Valwood Parkway

- 1) From 20' east of the intersection of Birchlawn Drive and Valwood Parkway to 10' east of the intersection of Valwood Parkway and Ivanwood 20 m.p.h.

Webb Chapel Road

- 1) From a point 375' north of the intersection of Pebble Beach Drive and Webb Chapel Road, north to the northern city limits which crosses Webb Chapel Road at the south right-of-way line of Gateway Avenue 20 m.p.h.

SECTION 4. School Direction

From and after the passage of this ordinance, upon those streets and parts of streets described in this section, vehicular traffic shall move only in the indicated direction, when signs indicating the direction of traffic are erected and established at every intersection where movement in the opposite direction is prohibited. These streets shall be deemed one way in the direction indicated below and in the time limits set forth as specified by signs on school days for purposes of this ordinance. A school is defined as an institution for teaching children.

<u>Street</u>	<u>Extent</u>	<u>Direction</u>
Goodwater Street	From Richland to Havenhurst	South only
Richland Street	From Tom Field Street to Goodwater Street	West only
Ridgeoak Way	From Amsterdam to Templeton Trail	East only

Templeton Trail From Myra Lane to Ridgeoak South only

Templeton Trail From Ridgeoak to Cloverdale North only

SECTION 5. The City Traffic Engineer is hereby authorized to designate such locations as school traffic zones with appropriate street markings and signs and is authorized to erect signs to give motorists reasonable notice of the regulations contained in Section 3 of this ordinance. For purposes of this ordinance, a school traffic zone is that area in which the streets and public ways derive a peculiar character, in terms of the periodic presence of children in abnormally large number, by reason of the proximity of a school.

SECTION 6. Speed Limit on Alleys in City.

Upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation heretofore made as authorized by the provisions of Section 169 of V.T.C.S., Article 6701d, the prima facie speed limit of 10 miles per hour for vehicles is determined and declared to be reasonable and safe on all alleys, or parts thereof in the City of Farmers Branch, Texas, and the rate of 10 miles per hour is hereby fixed as the speed limit for vehicles traveling upon such alleys or parts thereof. The term "alley" as used herein shall mean any narrow street or public way, not to exceed twenty (20) feet in width, where passage is primarily for the convenience of those who deal with said abutting owners of property. The City Manager or his agent, as hereby authorized to have speed limit signs erected, constructed and placed at such points along said alleys so that travelers there of will be reasonably

notified of said speed.

SECTION 7. That when, upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, it is necessary that the speed limit on any street, highway, or alley within the City of Farmers Branch, because of the maintenance, construction and/or repair of such street, highway or alley or portion thereof, be reduced, the City Manager or his agent shall have the authority to erect signs at the beginning, end and other portions where such street, highway or alley is under maintenance, construction and/or repair limiting the speed to the maximum speed determined by the City Manager or his agent and it is unlawful for any person to operate or drive any motor vehicle within such posted area at a speed in excess of said speed, said speed limit hereby being deemed to be the prima facie evidence of reasonable and prudent maximum speed at which a vehicle may travel on such portions of said street, highway or alley under construction, maintenance or repair.

SECTION 8. That the City Manager or his agent, is hereby authorized to have speed limit signs erected, constructed and placed at such points along said highways, streets or alleys or portions thereof under construction, maintenance or repair so that travelers will be reasonably notified of said speed.

SECTION 9. That all ordinances or any parts thereof in conflict with the terms of this ordinance shall be and hereby are deemed repealed and of no force or effect provided, however, that the ordinance or ordinances under which the cases currently filed

and pending in the Municipal Court of the City of Farmers Branch, Texas, shall be deemed repealed only when all such cases filed and pending under such ordinance or ordinances have been disposed of by a final conviction or a finding not guilty of nolo contendere, or dismissal.

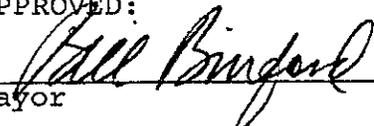
SECTION 10. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction in the Municipal Court, shall be fined in an amount not to exceed the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for each offense.

SECTION 11. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase or provision of this ordinance shall be judged invalid or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any portion thereof other than that portion so decided to be invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 12. The fact that the traffic regulations of the City of Farmers Branch do not adequately regulate the traffic within the City creates an urgency and an emergency and the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare requires that this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and the publication of the caption of said ordinance as the law and the City Charter in such cases provides.

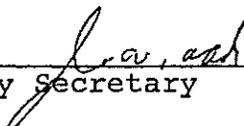
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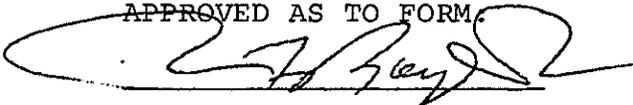
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City Secretary

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