



ORDINANCE NO. 3253

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS, ADOPTING CERTAIN MEASURES TO REDUCE URBAN BLIGHT AND SAFETY HAZARDS CAUSED BY MOTOR VEHICLE PARKING ON CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL STREETS; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the parking of motor vehicles on residential streets may, depending on the traffic conditions, the width of the roadway and other factors, create pedestrian and vehicle safety hazards, be detrimental to the neighborhood aesthetics, contribute to urban blight and adversely impact property values; and

WHEREAS, the regulation of the number of motor vehicles that may be parked on a residential street and the restriction and prohibition of parking of motor vehicles on residential streets will address urban blight and unsafe traffic conditions; and

WHEREAS, the City Council previously adopted Resolution No. 2010-079 authorizing the citizens to submit a petition signed by 60% of the residents on a given street to request the City restrict the parking of motor vehicles on the street; and

WHEREAS, if the citizens of Farmers Branch do not voluntarily take steps to reduce the number of motor vehicles parked on residential streets, the City Council will be forced to take extraordinary steps to eliminate the urban blight and safety hazards caused by the current motor vehicle parking on many residential streets;

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

SECTION 1. The city traffic engineer, upon direction of the City Council, is authorized to implement any one or more of the following actions regarding the parking of motor vehicles on public streets in residential neighborhoods to address pedestrian and vehicle safety, traffic conditions, urban blight, and neighborhood property aesthetics based on citizen complaints and/or City staff investigation and recommendation:

- A. Prohibit parking on one or both sides of the public street.
- B. Prohibit continuous parking of a motor vehicle on the street for more than 48 hours.
- C. Restrict parking to residents and require vehicle parking permits.
- D. Restrict number of vehicles per household that may be parked on the public street.
- E. Prohibit parking of motor vehicles overnight or during certain posted hours.

SECTION 2. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase or provision of this Ordinance shall be judged to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any portion thereof other than the portion so decided to be invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Farmers Branch, and it is, accordingly, so ordained.

**DULY PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH, TEXAS,
ON THE 17th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2013.**

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Angela Kelly, City Secretary

William P. Glancy, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Peter G. Smith, City Attorney
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