

Ordinance amending Section 53-254 of the City Code to reduce the speed limit on Weber Road (FM 43), between Saratoga Boulevard (SH 357) and Oso Creek Bridge, and reduce the speed limit of Ennis Joslin Road (Spur 3), between South Padre Island Drive and Ocean Drive; providing for penalty and publication

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Texas Transportation Code and City Code of Ordinances, the maximum reasonable and prudent speed upon the streets of the city is 30 miles per hour;

WHEREAS, upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, City Council can declare a different speed to be the maximum reasonable and prudent speed;

WHEREAS, speed studies determine the 85th percentile speed, which represents the speed most drivers will be traveling at or below, but the final speed limit may be reduced up to 10 miles per hour based on engineering judgment and other factors considered during the traffic investigation;

WHEREAS, the speed study on FM 43(Weber), from Saratoga(SH 357) to the city limits, determined that the 85th percentile speed was 42 miles per hour;

WHEREAS, based on the engineering and traffic investigation, the final speed limit on FM 43(Weber), from Saratoga(SH 357) to the city limits, should be reduced 2 miles per hour below the 85th percentile speed to be 40 miles per hour.

WHEREAS, trial runs were conducted to determine if the speeds were appropriate on Ennis Joslin(Spur 3), from SH358 to Ocean Drive, and factors considered were (1) the higher than average crash rate, (2) horizontal curves, (3) dense driveways,(4) the presence of pedestrians and cyclists, (5) bus stops, (6) multiple cross-overs, and (7) location to a college community;

WHEREAS, based on the trial runs, the final speed limit on Ennis Joslin, from SH358 to Ocean Drive should be reduced to be 35 miles per hour;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. All of the Recitals are hereby found to be true and correct legislative and factual findings of the City of Corpus Christi Texas, and they are hereby approved and the Recitals are incorporated for all purposes as if they were fully recited herein.

SECTION 2. City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 53 Traffic, Article VIII Schedules, Section 53-254 Schedule V, increase of state speed limit in certain zones is revised as follows:

Sec. 53-254. - Schedule V, increase of state speed limit in certain zones

It is hereby determined upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that the speed permitted by state law upon the following streets is less than is necessary for safe operation of vehicles thereon by reason of widely spaced intersections, and it is hereby declared that the speed limit shall be as hereinafter set forth on those streets or parts of streets herein designated at the time specified and they shall become effective when signs are erected giving notice thereof:

Ennis Joslin Road:

~~From a Ocean Drive to South Padre Island Drive(SH 358)—35 mph—At all times~~

~~From Alameda Street to a point 300 feet south of Carson Street—35 mph—At all times~~

~~From a point 300 feet south of Carson Street to a point 300 feet south of Nile Drive—40 mph—At all times~~

~~From a point 300 feet south of Nile Drive to a point 300 feet north of McArdle Road—45 mph—At all times~~

~~From a point 300 feet north of McArdle Road to South Padre Island Drive—35 mph—At all times~~

From Wooldridge Road to Holly Road—35 mph—At all times

Weber Road:

~~From Saratoga(SH 357) to the city limits line—40 mph—All times~~

From South Staples Street to Saratoga Boulevard—35 mph— All times

~~From Saratoga to the city limits line—45 mph—All times~~

SECTION 3. If for any reason any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by final judgement of a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect any other section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision of this ordinance, for it is definite intent of this City Council that every section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision hereof be given full force and effect for its purpose.

SECTION 4. Publication shall be made one time in the official publication of the City of Corpus Christi by publishing the caption stating the purpose of the ordinance. This ordinance to become effective upon such publication.

SECTION 5. A violation of this ordinance, or requirements implemented under this ordinance, constitutes an offense punishable as provided in Section 1-6 of the Corpus Christi Code of Ordinances.

Introduced and voted on the _____ day of _____, 2025.

PASSED and APPROVED on the _____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Paulette Guajardo, Mayor

Rebecca Huerta, City Secretary