

Ordinance amending the Corpus Christi Code to reduce the speed limit on Staples Street between Saratoga Boulevard and 250 feet north of King Trail and reduce the speed limit on Whitecap Boulevard between Park Road 22 and Windward 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 Whitecap Boulevard, from Park Road 22 to the Windward Drive, determined that the 85th percentile speed was 39 miles per hour;

WHEREAS, based on the engineering and traffic investigation, the final speed limit on Whitecap Boulevard, from Park Road 22 to Windward Drive, should be reduced 4 miles per hour below the 85th percentile speed to be 35 miles per hour for the accommodation of the roadway alignment, driveways, and the use of golf carts;

WHEREAS, trial runs were conducted to determine if the speeds were appropriate on Staples Street, from Saratoga Boulevard to the south city limit, and factors considered were the high volume of traffic, drive-way density, and the approaches to the traffic signals;

WHEREAS, based on the trial runs, the final speed limit on Staples Street, from Saratoga Boulevard to approximately 250 feet north of King Trail Drive should be reduced to be 45 miles per hour, from approximately 250 feet north of King Trail Drive to Gilead Road should be reduced to 55 miles per hour, from Gilead Road to the south city limit should be reduced to 65 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:

Staples Street:

From the south right-of-way line of Saratoga Boulevard to a point approximately 250 feet north of King Trail Drive-45 mph-At all times

From a point approximately 250 feet north of King Trail Drive to Gilead Road-55 mph-At all times

From Gilead Road to the south city limit(County Road 47)-65 mph-At all times

~~From the south right-of-way line of Saratoga Boulevard to a point 0.383 miles south—45 mph—At all times~~

~~From the point 0.383 miles south of the Saratoga Boulevard south right-of-way line to a point approximately 250 feet north of King Trail Drive—50 mph—At all times~~

~~From a point approximately 250 feet north of King Trail Drive to the south city limit—55 mph—At all times~~

Whitecap Boulevard:

From Windward Drive to Park Road 22(South Padre Island Drive)-35 mph-At all times

~~From Windward Drive to Park Road 22 (South Padre Island Drive)—40 mph—At all times~~

SECTION 3. City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 53 Traffic, Article VIII Schedules, Section 53-255 Schedule VI, decrease of state speed limit in certain zones is revised as follows:

Sec. 53-255. - Schedule VI, Decrease of state law maximum speed

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 greater than is reasonable or safe under the conditions found to exist upon such streets and it is hereby declared that the speed limit shall be as herein set forth on those streets or parts of streets herein designated at the times specified when signs are erected giving notice thereof:

~~Whitecap Boulevard:~~

~~From Windward Drive to Park Road 22(South Padre Island Drive) 35 mph-At all times~~

SECTION 4. 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 5. 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 will become effective upon such publication.

SECTION 6. 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