

Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 53, Section 53-254 Schedule V, Increase of State Speed Limit in Certain Zones to update portions of Ocean Drive and increase the speed limit on Ocean Drive, from Sand Dollar Boulevard to Naval Air Station Corpus Christi North Gate; providing for severance; and providing for 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 determined that the 85th percentile speed was 60 miles per hour;

WHEREAS, other factors considered during the traffic investigation were (1) three crashes in last two years, (2) lack of shoulders and narrow shoulders along a bridge located east of San Dollar Boulevard, (3) beach access, and (4) lack of lighting;

WHEREAS, based on the engineering and traffic investigation, the final speed limit should be reduced 10 miles per hour below the 85th percentile speed to be 50 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 the following streets is less that 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 therof:

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Ocean Drive:

From the south curblineline of the eastbound lane of Louisiana Parkway to Airline Road—40 mph—At all times.

From Airline Road to Sand Dollar Boulevard—45 mph—At all times.

Northbound (in-bound traffic):

~~From Airline Road to the north entrance of the Texas A&M University—
Corpus Christi—45 mph—At all times~~

From Sand Dollar Boulevard to the north gate of Naval Air Station –
Corpus Christi (NASCC) — 50 mph— At all times.

~~Southbound (out-bound traffic):~~

~~From Airline Road to a point 125 feet east of Country Club Drive—45
mph—At all times~~

~~Southbound (out-bound traffic):~~

~~From a point 125 feet east of Country Club Drive to a point 1,315 feet
east of Country Club Drive—35 mph—At all times~~

Southbound (out-bound traffic):

~~From Ennis Joslin Road to a point 1,315 feet east of Country Club
Drive to the north entrance of the Texas A&M University—Corpus
Christi—45 mph—At all times~~

From Sand Dollar Boulevard to a point 748 feet west of the north gate of
Naval Air Station – Corpus Christi (NASCC) —50 mph— At all times.

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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.

That the foregoing ordinance was read for the first time and passed to its second reading on this the _____ day of _____, 2017, by the following vote:

Joe McComb	_____	Ben Molina	_____
Rudy Garza	_____	Lucy Rubio	_____
Paulette Guajardo	_____	Greg Smith	_____
Michael Hunter	_____	Carolyn Vaughn	_____
Council Member	_____		

That the foregoing ordinance was read for the second time and passed finally on this the _____ day of _____, 2017, by the following vote:

Joe McComb	_____	Ben Molina	_____
Rudy Garza	_____	Lucy Rubio	_____
Paulette Guajardo	_____	Greg Smith	_____
Michael Hunter	_____	Carolyn Vaughn	_____
Council Member	_____		

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the _____ day of _____, 2017.

ATTEST:

Rebecca Huerta
City Secretary

Joe McComb
Mayor