

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN, TEXAS, AMENDING SECTION 10.12.090 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "CITY STREETS" REGARDING THE RATE OF SPEED ON WESTINGHOUSE ROAD WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY PURSUANT TO SECTION 10.12.120 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS; INCLUDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in 2011, Williamson County expanded the Westinghouse Road right-of-way from Interstate 35 to FM 1460 ("Westinghouse") to a four-lane arterial and established a 50-mile-per-hour speed limit for the roadway; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Williamson County (the "County"), the City of Georgetown (the "City") assumed fee ownership of the Westinghouse Road right-of-way from Interstate 35 to FM 1460 ("Westinghouse") from the County on August 24, 2017; and

WHEREAS, in September 2021, the City annexed Westinghouse into the city limits by Ordinance No. 2021-72; and

WHEREAS, the areas of Georgetown served by Westinghouse have experienced significant growth since the County established the 50-mile-per-hour speed limit in 2011, and traffic volumes along the roadway have increased accordingly; and

WHEREAS, Georgetown Independent School District in 2015 opened George Washington Carver Elementary School, which is located near the intersection of Westinghouse and Scenic Lake Drive; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Georgetown finds it in the best interest of the community to periodically review and update speed zones within the city; and

WHEREAS, the City of Georgetown Public Works Department performed a traffic study of Westinghouse that determined a 45-mile-per-hour speed limit was appropriate, and therefore recommends adjusting the maximum speed allowed in accordance with the study.

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

SECTION 1. The meeting at which this ordinance was approved was in all things conducted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

SECTION 2. The facts and recitations contained in the preamble of this ordinance are hereby found and declared to be true and correct and are incorporated by reference herein and expressly made a part hereof, as if copied verbatim.

SECTION 3. Section 10.12.090.F.4 is hereby added to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Georgetown, Texas, to read as follows:

4. Westinghouse Road (eastbound and westbound): From Interstate 35 to FM 1460, a prima facie maximum speed limit of 45 miles per hour.

SECTION 4. Violation of this Ordinance and Section 10.12.090 F. 4 shall be punishable pursuant to the Code of Ordinances and the penalty provisions of Section 10.12.120.

SECTION 5. If any section or any portion of any section of this ordinance, or application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance; and that each section and each portion thereof not decreed to be invalid shall remain valid and enforceable, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

SECTION 6. All ordinances and parts of ordinances that are in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed, and all other ordinances of the City not in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign this ordinance and the City Secretary to attest. This ordinance shall become effective and be in full force and effect ten (10) days after publication in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Georgetown.

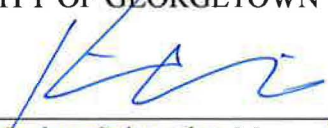
PASSED AND APPROVED on First Reading on the 14th day of December, 2021.

PASSED AND APPROVED on Second Reading on the 11th day of January, 2022

ATTEST:


Robyn Denismore, City Secretary

THE CITY OF GEORGETOWN

By: 
~~Joshua Schroeder~~, Mayor Pro Tem
Kevin Pitts

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Skye Masson, City Attorney