

## **ORDINANCE NO. 2019-12**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH HOUSTON, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING A STOP SIGN WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SOUTH HOUSTON UPON VIRGINIA AVENUE IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH EL PASO STREET, AND A STOP SIGN UPON VIRGINIA AVENUE IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH EL PASO STREET; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION; CONTAINING A SAVINGS CLAUSE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY BECAUSE THE NEED TO ESTABLISH STOP SIGNS AT INTERSECTIONS INURES TO THE BENEFIT OF THE TRAVELING PUBLIC AND, THEREFORE, BEARS DIRECTLY UPON THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS**

**WHEREAS**, the South Houston Police Department conducted a study, and upon its recommendation, the City Council has determined that it is in the interest of the safety and welfare of its citizens and the public traveling upon the streets of the City that the intersection of Virginia Avenue and El Paso Street be designated as a multi-stop intersection at the locations specified herein; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 544.003 of the Transportation Code provides, in part, that local authorities may, with reference to highways under their jurisdiction, designate any intersection as a stop intersection;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH HOUSTON, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1.** That pursuant to the grant of authority contained in the preamble hereof, the following intersection is designated as a Multi-stop Intersection:

The intersection of Virginia Avenue and El Paso Street in the City of South Houston, Texas, is designated a Multi-stop Intersection and stop signs shall be erected at the following locations:

A westbound traffic stop sign shall be erected on Virginia Avenue as it approaches El Paso Street in order to control westbound traffic.

An eastbound traffic stop sign shall be erected on Virginia Avenue as it approaches El Paso Street in order to control eastbound traffic.

Stop signs shall be erected at the Virginia Avenue and El Paso Street intersection directing persons traveling west and east on Virginia Avenue to stop before entering the intersection of said street in accordance with the statutes of the State of Texas.

**SECTION 2 - PENALTY CLAUSE.** That any person who shall violate the provisions of this

section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction by a court of competent jurisdiction, be punished by a fine not to exceed \$200, or one that is in accordance with the statutes of the State of Texas.

**SECTION 3 - DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY.** That the City Council finds and determines that the need to establish stop signs inures to the benefit of the traveling public and, therefore, bears directly upon the health, safety and welfare of the citizens.

**SECTION 4 - SAVINGS CLAUSE.** That all rights and remedies which have accrued in favor of the City of South Houston under this chapter and amendments thereto shall be and are preserved for the benefit of the City.

**SECTION 5 - SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

**SECTION 6 - REPEALING CLAUSE.** That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, but only to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION 7 - PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.** That the City Secretary shall cause this Ordinance, or its caption and penalty, to be published in the official newspaper of the City of South

Houston, upon passage of such Ordinance. This Ordinance shall then become effective ten (10) days from and after its publication, or the publication of its caption and penalty, in the official City newspaper.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH HOUSTON, TEXAS, ON THE 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2019.**

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**JOE SOTO, MAYOR**  
City of South Houston, Texas

ATTEST:

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**LANCE AVANT, CITY SECRETARY**  
City of South Houston, Texas