

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-05-11-005**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITE SETTLEMENT, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 44, "TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WHITE SETTLEMENT, TEXAS, BY ADDING ARTICLE VII, "UNREASONABLE OR EXCESSIVE ACCELERATION," TO PROHIBIT EXCESSIVE VEHICULAR ACCELERATION; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of White Settlement, Texas ("City"), is a home rule city acting under its charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article XI, Section 5, of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Local Government Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has experienced nuisance and safety issues related to excessive acceleration, spinning of wheels on the roadway, and leaving marks on public roadways from excessive tire acceleration from stop to motion; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has determined it is necessary to prohibit excessive acceleration within the City and impose a penalty for conduct constituting excessive acceleration; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council had determined that the prohibition of excessive acceleration is in the best interest of the citizens of White Settlement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITE SETTLEMENT, TEXAS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 44, "Traffic and Vehicles," of the Code of Ordinances, City of White Settlement, Texas, is hereby amended by adding Article VII, "Unreasonable or Excessive Acceleration," to read as follows:

**"ARTICLE VII. – UNREASONABLE OR EXCESSIVE ACCELERATION.**

**Sec. 44-142. - Prohibition.**

- (a) No person shall cause a motor vehicle operating in the city to accelerate, without apparent reason, in a manner as to cause any tires to excessively spin or lose traction, causing squealing or screeching sounds to be made by the tires, or cause the throwing of sand, gravel, or other debris by the tires.

(b) No person shall knowingly or intentionally accelerate a motor vehicle from a stopped position in such a manner as to spin any tires causing a disturbance of the public peace and endangering public safety.

**Sec. 44.143. – Penalty.**

A person who violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine not to exceed \$200. Each instance of a violation of this section shall constitute a separate offense.

**Sec. 44.144 – Education.**

The Chief of Police, the Director of Public Works, or their designee may create messaging and signs stating, “No Unreasonable or Excessive Acceleration” and/or other traffic-control devices to be erected at such locations deemed necessary to provide reasonable notice of the prohibition. A person need not have prior notice of this prohibition to be guilty of a violation.

**Secs. 44.145 – 44.150 – Reserved.”**

**SECTION 2.**

That this Ordinance shall be cumulative of all other ordinances of the City of White Settlement and shall not repeal any of the provisions of such ordinances, except in those instances where provisions of such ordinances are in direct conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 3.**

That it is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance shall be declared void, ineffective, or unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such voidness, ineffectiveness, or unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, or sections of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation herein of any such void, ineffective, or unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section.

**SECTION 4.**

Any person, firm or corporation who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects, or refuses to comply with or who resists the enforcement of any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be fined not more than Two-Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for violations of this Ordinance. Each violation of this Ordinance shall constitute a separate offense.

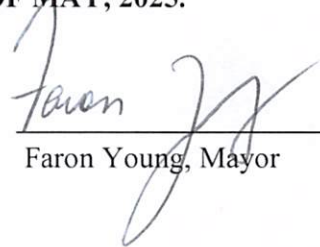
**SECTION 5.**

The City Secretary of the City of White Settlement is hereby directed to publish caption, penalty clause, and effective date clause in the official newspaper as/if required by law.


**SECTION 6.**

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, and it is so ordained.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 6th DAY OF MAY, 2025.**

  
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Faron Young, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Amy Arnold, City Secretary

