

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS, CREATING A CONSTRUCTION WORK ZONE AND TEMPORARILY REDUCING THE RATE OF SPEED TO 60 MILES PER HOUR FOR VEHICLES ON THE MAIN LANES OF IH-35E AND 35 MILES PER HOUR FOR VEHICLES ON THE US 287 BUSINESS ROUTE, ALL WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, ALL AS SET OUT IN THIS ORDINANCE; DEFINING THE SPEED LIMITS; REQUIRING THE PLACING OF SIGNS; PROVIDING A PENALTY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined Interstate Highway 35E and US 287 Business within 0.5 miles of Interstate Highway 35E within the corporate limits of the City of Waxahachie will be under construction by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and TxDOT has recommended a work zone speed limit of 60 miles per hour and 35 miles per hour, respectively, at times and locations determined by TxDOT, during construction; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has further determined that it is necessary to reduce, when construction is in progress, the prima fascia speed limits of 70 miles per hour and 45 miles per hour, respectively, and that the increased penalties provided by State Law for the violation of such speed limits should be imposed to more effectively enforce such speed limits; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has further determined the 60 miles per hour and 35 miles per hour speed limits, when set by TxDOT, would provide for and would be in the best interest of the health, safety, and general welfare of the City of Waxahachie; and,

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

Section 1. That the above findings are hereby found to be true and correct and are incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. A construction work zone is hereby established in accordance with Section 472.022 of the Texas Transportation Code for all main lanes of traffic on Interstate Highway 35E from the southern city limits to the northern city limits and all lanes of traffic on US 287 Business Route within 0.5 mile of Interstate Highway 35E.

Section 3. That from the date of passage of this speed zone ordinance, prima fascia maximum speed limits of 60 miles per hour and 35 miles per hour are hereby established at locations and within time frames determined by TxDOT, within part or all of the area described in Section 2. hereof, and are marked with signs showing said speed limits.

Section 4. Such speed limits will be effective when and where established by TxDOT and for a period of up to four (4) years or until the construction work zone and speed limit signs erected by TxDOT are removed, whichever is sooner. Thereafter, the speed limit on Interstate

35E within the City corporate limits will revert to a speed limit of 70 miles per hour, and the speed limit on US 287 Business Route will revert to a speed limit of 45 miles per hour.

An emergency effecting safety of road workers and the traveling public is found to exist, and this ordinance is effective upon passage.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 5th day of October, 2015.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

City Secretary