

ORDINANCE NO. ORD-2019-10221

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUBSECTION (a) OF SECTION 21-88 OF CHAPTER 21 ENTITLED “MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC” OF THE CODE OF CIVIL AND CRIMINAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF IRVING, TEXAS, TO REPEAL EXISTING SPEED ZONES AND TO PROVIDE NEW SPEED REGULATIONS FOR STATE HIGHWAY 183 MAIN LANES, STATE HIGHWAY 183 EXPRESS LANES, AND ALL SEGMENTS OF AIRPORT FREEWAY FRONTAGE ROADS BETWEEN WEST CITY LIMITS AND STATE HIGHWAY 114 AND ALL SEGMENTS OF JOHN W. CARPENTER FREEWAY FRONTAGE ROADS BETWEEN STATE HIGHWAY 114 AND EAST CITY LIMITS; PROVIDING FOR SIGNS; PROVIDING A PENALTY; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.

WHEREAS, Section 545.356 of the Texas Transportation Code, provides that whenever the governing body of the City shall determine upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that any prima facie speed therein set forth is greater or less than is reasonable or safe under the conditions found to exist at any intersection or other place or upon any part of a street or highway within the City, taking into consideration the width and condition of the pavement and other circumstances on such portion of said street or highway, as well as the usual traffic thereon, said governing body may determine and declare a reasonable and safe speed limit at that location by the passage of an ordinance, which shall be effective when appropriate signs giving notice at that location thereof are erected at such intersection or other place or part of the street or highway;

WHEREAS, an engineering and traffic investigation was made to determine the reasonable and safe prima facie maximum speed on Airport Freeway and John W. Carpenter Freeway State Highway 183 main lanes (general purpose freeway lanes), express lanes (toll lanes), and frontage roads between the west City Limits and east City Limits in compliance with the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and Section 545.356, Texas Transportation Code;

WHEREAS, let it be known that the general purpose limited access freeway traffic lanes shall be referred to as “State Highway 183 Main Lanes”, controlled and tolled traffic lanes shall be referred to as “State Highway 183 Express Lanes”, and frontage roadways, including associated distributor/collector roadways, shall be referred to as “Airport Freeway” between west City Limits and State Highway 114 and as “John W. Carpenter Freeway” between State Highway 114 junction with State Highway 183 and east City Limits;

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

SECTION 1. That Chapter 21 of The Code of Civil and Criminal Ordinances of the City of Irving, Texas, is hereby amended by adding a portion to Section 21-88(a) pertaining to the specified segments of Airport Freeway and John W. Carpenter Freeway.

SECTION 2. Based upon an engineering and traffic investigation previously made as authorized by the provisions of Texas Transportation Code, Section 545.356, the following speed limit indicated for vehicles are hereby determined and declared to be reasonable and safe, and subsection (a) of Section 21-88 of Chapter 21 of The Code of Civil and Criminal Ordinances of the City of Irving,

Texas, is hereby amended to establish the rate of speed indicated for vehicles traveling upon the named streets and highways, or parts thereof, described as follows:

<i>Street</i>	<i>Portion of Street</i>	<i>Speed Limit</i>
State Highway 183 Main Lanes	Between West City Limits and East City Limits	70 MPH
State Highway 183 Express Lanes	Between West City Limits and East City Limits	75 MPH
E. John W. Carpenter Freeway Westbound Frontage Road	Between Century Center Blvd. and International Parkway.	50 MPH
E. Airport Freeway Westbound Frontage Road	Between 830 feet east of Tom Braniff Drive and 515 feet west of Wingren Drive	45 MPH
W. Airport Freeway Westbound Frontage Road	Between 515 feet west of Wingren Drive and West City Limits	45 MPH
W. Airport Freeway Eastbound Frontage Road	Between West City Limits and Britain Road	45 MPH
E. Airport Freeway Eastbound Frontage Road	Between Britain Road and Regal Ridge Parkway	45 MPH
E. John W. Carpenter Freeway Eastbound Frontage Road	Between Regal Ridge Parkway and East City Limits	45 MPH

SECTION 3. The City Manager or his designee is authorized to erect signs giving notice of the speed limits established by this ordinance in accordance with applicable law, including the Texas Transportation Code and the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. Any person violating or failing to comply with any provision of this ordinance shall be fined upon conviction, not less than One Dollar (\$1.00) nor more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

SECTION 5. That it is the intent of the Irving City Council that pending prosecutions, brought under the previous code, which this ordinance replaces, should continue under the terms and penalties of said code and be saved from dismissal as if said prior code had not been repealed.

SECTION 6. That the terms and provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed to be severable and that if the validity of any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be declared to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of any other section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVING, TEXAS, on July 18, 2019.

RICHARD H. STOPFER
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Shanae Jennings
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kuruvilla Oommen
City Attorney