

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 73, OF THE TRAFFIC CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF MANSFIELD, TEXAS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 545.356 OF THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY TO ALTER SPEED LIMITS ON SPECIFIC STREETS AND HIGHWAYS BEING AN ORDINANCE ALTERING THE PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS ESTABLISHED FOR VEHICLES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 545.356 OF THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE, REGULATING SPEED LIMITS ON HIGHWAYS AND ROADWAYS, UPON THE BASIS OF AN ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC INVESTIGATION WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MANSFIELD AS SET OUT IN THE ORDINANCE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING A PENALTY.

WHEREAS, Section 545.356, Texas Transportation Code, provide 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, with 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 prima facie speed limit thereat or thereon by the passage of an ordinance, which shall be effective when appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected at such intersection or other place or part of the street or highway.

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

SECTION 1.

THAT, upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation having been made for the highway(s) referenced in Section 2 below as authorized by the provisions of section 545.356 of the Texas Transportation Code, the prima facie speed limits hereafter indicated for vehicles are hereby determined and declared to be reasonable and safe.

SECTION 2.

THAT, Chapter 73 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Mansfield shall be amended as per the attached Exhibit "A" which is hereby included as part of this ordinance.

SECTION 3.

This ordinance shall and does amend and/or repeal every prior Ordinance or rule or

regulation or policy in conflict herewith, but as to all other Ordinances or rules or regulations or policies or sections of Ordinances or rules or regulations or policies not in conflict herewith, this Ordinance shall be and is hereby made cumulative.

SECTION 4.

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 final decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, such voiding, ineffectiveness, or unconstitutionality shall not effect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections hereof, 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 5.

Any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance or the Code of Ordinances, as amended hereby, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon the conviction in the Municipal Court of the City of Mansfield, Texas, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for each offense, and each and every day any such violation shall continue shall be deemed to constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 6.

This Ordinance shall be effective from and after its adoption and publication as required by law.

First reading approved on the ____ day of _____, 2017.

Second reading approved on the ____ day of _____, 2017.

DULY PASSED on the third and final reading by the City Council of the City of Mansfield, Texas, this ____ day of _____, 2017.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Jeanne Heard, City Secretary

David Cook, Mayor