

CITY OF LAVON, TEXAS
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-08-05

Amending Article 11.02 of the Code of Ordinances – Speed Limits

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAVON, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 11 "TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES" ARTICLE 11.02 "SPEED LIMITS"; PROVIDING A PENALTY; PROVIDING SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED TO BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lavon ("City") has authority pursuant to Texas Local Government Code, Section 51.001, to adopt an ordinance that is for the good government, peace, or order of the City; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City to regulate speed limits near schools and where children may interact with traffic on the way to and from school; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined it is appropriate to amend the regulations to make minor adjustments to the current regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the adoption of this Ordinance will promote and provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the City.

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

SECTION 1. INCORPORATION OF PREMISES. The above and foregoing premises are: (i) true and correct and are incorporated herein and made a part of this Ordinance for all purposes; and (ii) legislative findings of the City Council.

SECTION 2. FINDINGS. After due deliberation and consideration, the City Council has concluded that the adoption of this Ordinance is in the best interests of the City and of the public health, safety, and welfare.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Chapter 11, "Traffic and Vehicles", Article 11.02, "Speed Limits", Section 11.02.032 "School Zones" of the City's Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by:

1. By deleting the following from 11.02.032(b) "School Zones Established"

~~"(1) Nesmith Elementary school zone. The city council hereby establishes the Nesmith Elementary school zone. The following streets shall define as within the boundaries of the Nesmith school zone:~~

~~(A) Presidents Boulevard from Eisenhower Lane to one hundred and fifty feet (150') south of Autumn Hill Bluff in both the north and south bound lanes;~~

~~(B) Grant Lane from one hundred fifty feet (150') west of Presidents Boulevard to one hundred fifty feet (150') east of Presidents Boulevard, in both the east and west bound~~

lanes;

~~(C) Harding Lane from one hundred fifty feet (150') west of Presidents Boulevard to one hundred fifty feet (150') east of Presidents Boulevard, in both the east and west bound lanes;~~

~~(D) Jackson Lane from Presidents Boulevard to one hundred fifty feet (150') east of Presidents Boulevard, in both the east and west bound lanes;~~

~~(E) Hayes Street from Presidents Boulevard to one hundred fifty feet (150') east of Presidents Boulevard, in both the east and west bound lanes;~~

~~(F) Hoover Avenue from Presidents Boulevard to one hundred fifty feet (150') east of Presidents Boulevard, in both the east and west bound lanes; and~~

~~(G) Autumn Hill Bluff from one hundred fifty feet (150') west of Presidents Boulevard to one hundred fifty feet (150') east of Presidents Boulevard, in both the east and west bound lanes.~~

~~(2) Dodson Elementary school zone.~~

~~(A) The city council hereby establishes the Dodson Elementary school zone.~~

~~(B) The following streets shall define the boundaries of the Dodson Elementary school zone:~~

~~(i) Rosewood Drive from Lavon Trails Parkway to five hundred and fifty feet (550') north of Autumn Hill Bluff in both the north and south bound lanes;~~

~~(ii) Lavon Trails Parkway from one hundred fifty feet (150') west of Rosewood Drive to the eastern City Limits on Lavon Trails Parkway, in both the east and west bound lanes; and~~

~~(iii) Autumn Hill Bluff from one hundred fifty feet (150') west of Rosewood Drive to the eastern edge of Lavon Trails Parkway, in both the east and west bound lanes;~~

~~(3) The director of public works shall post school zone signage at or near the boundaries defined above.”; and~~

2. Replacing the deleted section of 11.02.032(b) “School Zones Established” with:

“1. The traffic administrator shall establish school zones within the City Limits of the City of Lavon with careful consideration of the location of schools and the routes students may take to and from schools; and”

2. At the request of the Traffic Administrator, the Director of Public Works will cause appropriate signs to be erected to give motorists warning of the school zones.”; and

3. By deleting the following from 11.02.032(c) “School Zone Times”:

~~“School zone times—~~

~~(1) The school zones shall be active on school days during the following times: 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.~~

~~(2) The school zones shall be active any other time or condition as posted on the school zone sign.”; and~~

4. Replacing the deleted section of 11.02.032(c) “School Zone Times” with:

“School Zones shall be in effect on:

(1) School days when a yellow or orange warning light, located near the School Zone

- sign, is flashing; and
- (2) School days during times posted on a sign attached to or near a school zone sign; and
 - (3) School days when a crossing guard, police officer or school employee is at a crosswalk to assist student in crossing the street to or from school; and
 - (4) Other such times as notice is posted to warn drivers they are entering a school zone.”

SECTION 4. SAVINGS/REPEALING CLAUSE. All provisions of any ordinance in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent they are in conflict, but such repeal shall not abate any pending prosecution for violation of the repealed ordinance, nor shall the repeal prevent a prosecution from being commenced for any violation if occurring prior to the repeal of the ordinance. Any remaining portions of said ordinances shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY. Should any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, it is expressly provided that any and all remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect. The City hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause, or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, and phrases be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION 6. PENALTY. Any person, firm, corporation, or entity violating this Ordinance, as it exists or may be amended, shall be subject to the penalty provision described in added Section 4.09.009. Nothing in this Ordinance shall limit the remedies available to the City in seeking to enforce the provisions of this article or other law, and all remedies shall be cumulative and not exclusive.

SECTION 7. PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and its publication as required by law.

SECTION 8. OPEN MEETING. That it is hereby found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public as required by law and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

DULY PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Lavon, Texas, on the 5th day of August 2025.

ATTEST:

Rae Norton

Rae Norton, City Secretary

Vicki Sanson

Vicki Sanson, Mayor

