

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-23

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF IOWA COLONY, TEXAS, DESIGNATING SCHOOL ZONES; SETTING A 20 MILE PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT AND PROHIBITING CELL PHONE USE THEREIN; AUTHORIZING SIGNS; PROVIDING OFFENSES AND A PENALTY OF UP TO \$200 FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE AND ADDITIONAL PENALTIES UNDER STATE LAW; AND CONTAINING RELATED PROVISIONS.

Whereas Chapters 542 and 545 of the Texas Transportation Code authorizes cities to designate speed limits and school zones and to authorize signs and markings therein; and

Whereas Section 545.425 of the Texas Transportation Code authorizes cities to post signs prohibiting the use of cell phones or other wireless communication devices in school zones; and

Whereas all requirements of law have been satisfied concerning the school zones, traffic regulations, signs, and markings established or authorized by this ordinance; and

Whereas this ordinance promotes the public health, safety, and welfare and helps to alleviate traffic hazards and to protect school children and others;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IOWA COLONY, TEXAS ("THE CITY"):

1. Elementary School Zones

a. School zones are hereby designated at the following locations in the City:

i. On Meridiana Parkway from a point 300 feet eastward along Meridiana Parkway from the east edge of the intersection of Meridiana Parkway with Iowa Colony Boulevard, to a point 300 feet westward along Meridiana Parkway from the west edge of the intersection of Meridiana Parkway with Iowa Colony Boulevard.

ii. On Iowa Colony Boulevard from the south edge of the intersection of Iowa Colony Boulevard with Meridiana Parkway, to a point 200 feet northward along Iowa Colony Boulevard from the north edge of the intersection of Iowa Colony Boulevard with the most northerly driveway of Meridiana Elementary School.

iii. On Sterling Lakes Drive and Sterling Lakes West Drive starting at the gate on Sterling Lakes Drive located approximately 170 feet eastward from the center line of Ames Boulevard, then extending westward for approximately 1102 feet from that gate along Sterling Lakes Drive and

Sterling Lakes West Drive to a point at the western end of an opening in the median of Sterling Lakes West Drive, which point is the western end of this school zone and is also located approximately 215 feet eastward along the center line of Sterling Lakes West Drive from the centerline of Green Paradise Drive.

- b. The school zones designated in this section shall be in effect from **7:00 a.m. until 8:15 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. until 4:15 p.m.** on each day that the Alvin Independent School District conducts any class at Meridiana Elementary School or Bel Nafegar Sanchez Elementary School and at any time a light is flashing on the school zone sign for the location in question.
2.
 - a. The maximum prima facie speed limit for vehicles in a school zone established by this ordinance is hereby set at twenty miles per hour while the school zone is in effect.
 - b. The speed limits herein established are hereby determined and declared to be the maximum prima facie reasonable, prudent, and safe speeds for vehicles at the locations and times herein stated; and those speed limits are hereby fixed at the rate of speed indicated for vehicles traveling at the locations and times herein stated. Speeds greater than those stated herein are hereby found to be unreasonable and unsafe. No person shall operate a vehicle at a speed greater than the speed limit herein stated at the location and time herein stated.
3. The City of Iowa Colony hereby adopts the restrictions on wireless communications under Texas Transportation Code section 545.425 in all school zones in the City.
4. The following traffic signs shall be placed at the locations specified in the following section:
 - a. Flashing school zone and speed limit signs of type S5-1 in the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices; and
 - b. Signs of type S7-1T in the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, prohibiting the use of wireless communication devices, pursuant to Texas Transportation Code section 545.425.
5. The signs described in the preceding section shall be placed at each of the following locations:
 - a. On the north side of Meridiana Parkway, at the east end of the school zone established by this ordinance, facing traffic bound west on Meridiana Parkway;
 - b. On the south side of Meridiana Parkway, at the west end of the school zone established by this ordinance, facing traffic bound east on Meridiana Parkway;

- c. On the west side of Iowa Colony Boulevard, at the north end of the school zone established by this ordinance, facing traffic bound south on Iowa Colony Boulevard;
 - d. On the north side of Sterling Lakes Drive, at the east end of the school zone established by this ordinance, facing traffic bound west on Sterling Lakes Drive; and
 - e. On the south side of Sterling Lakes West Drive, at the west end of the school zone established by this ordinance, facing traffic bound east on Sterling Lakes West Drive.
6. Signs of type S5-2 in the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, showing the ends of the school zones, shall be placed at the following locations:
- a. On the south side of Meridiana Parkway, at the east end of the school zone established by this ordinance, facing traffic bound east on Meridiana Parkway;
 - b. On the north side of Meridiana Parkway, at the west end of the school zone established by this ordinance, facing traffic bound west on Meridiana Parkway;
 - c. On the east side of Iowa Colony Boulevard, at the north end of the school zone established by this ordinance, facing traffic bound north on Iowa Colony Boulevard;
 - d. On the south side of Sterling Lakes Drive, at the east end of the school zone established by this ordinance, facing traffic bound east on Sterling Lakes Drive; and
 - e. On the north side of Sterling Lakes Drive, at the west end of the school zone established by this ordinance, facing traffic bound west on Sterling Lakes Drive.
7. Signs of type S1-1 and SW16-9P in the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, warning of a school crossing ahead, shall be placed at the following locations:
- a. On the north side of Meridiana Parkway, at a point 100 feet eastward along Meridiana Parkway from the east edge of the intersection of Meridiana Parkway with Iowa Colony Boulevard, facing traffic bound west on Meridiana Parkway;
 - b. On the south side of Meridiana Parkway, at a point 100 feet westward along Meridiana Parkway from the west edge of the intersection of Meridiana Parkway with Iowa Colony Boulevard, facing traffic bound east on Meridiana Parkway;
 - c. On the west side of Iowa Colony Boulevard, at a point 100 feet northward along Iowa Colony Boulevard from the north edge of the intersection of Iowa Colony Boulevard with Meridiana Parkway, facing traffic bound south on Iowa Colony Boulevard; and

- d. On the east side of Iowa Colony Boulevard, at a point 100 feet southward along Iowa Colony Boulevard from the south edge of the intersection of Iowa Colony Boulevard with Meridiana Parkway, facing traffic bound north on Iowa Colony Boulevard
8. School crossing signs of type S1-1 and/or SW16-7P in the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, shall be placed at the following locations:
 - a. On the north side of Meridiana Parkway, at the east edge of the intersection of Meridiana Parkway with Iowa Colony Boulevard, facing traffic bound west on Meridiana Parkway;
 - b. On the south side of Meridiana Parkway, at the west edge of the intersection of Meridiana Parkway with Iowa Colony Boulevard, facing traffic bound east on Meridiana Parkway;
 - c. On the west side of Iowa Colony Boulevard, at the north edge of the intersection of Iowa Colony Boulevard with Meridiana Parkway, facing traffic bound south on Iowa Colony Boulevard;
 - d. On the east side of Iowa Colony Boulevard, at the south edge of the intersection of Iowa Colony Boulevard with Meridiana Parkway, facing traffic bound north on Iowa Colony Boulevard;
 - e. On the north side and the south side of Sterling Lakes West Drive at the crosswalk on Sterling Lakes West Drive located at the east side of the intersection of Sterling Lakes West Drive with the roadway into the south side of Bel Nafegar Sanchez Elementary School; and
 - f. At any locations authorized by Ordinance No. 2019-22, which provides for traffic enforcement in Sterling Lakes Subdivision.
9. Any of the signs authorized by this ordinance may be of the type herein specified or any other type in compliance with the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for the same purpose or application.
10. Any previous order by the Police Chief authorizing any signs and markings described in this ordinance is hereby ratified. Any previous placement of said signs is hereby ratified.
11. The operator of a vehicle shall comply with the signs and markings authorized by this ordinance.
12. A violation of this ordinance shall be a misdemeanor punishable upon conviction by a fine not to exceed \$200, but if state law sets a higher fine or a higher maximum fine, then the state law shall govern and control.
13.
 - a. To the extent of any conflict between the terms of this ordinance and any prior ordinance, this ordinance shall govern and control.

- b. However, nothing in this ordinance shall impair any other ordinance or other authority for any traffic regulation, sign, or marking other than the ones specified in this ordinance.
- c. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, this ordinance shall not impair the validity or authorization for any traffic sign authorized by Ordinance No. 2019-22, which provides for traffic enforcement in Sterling Lakes Subdivision.

14. If any part of this ordinance, of whatever size, is ever declared invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

15. This ordinance shall be effective at a location immediately upon the placement of signs or markings authorized or ratified by this ordinance at that location; provided, however, that this authorization shall be retroactive to the date of any previous order by the Police Chief authorizing said signs or markings.

16. The City Council hereby finds that that an emergency or an urgent public necessity requires the passage of the ordinance without two readings. The emergency is the danger to the health and lives of school children that would result from traffic at dangerous speeds around schools, if the effective date of this ordinance were delayed for a month for the second reading. Therefore, this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage upon the first reading.

PASSED, APPROVED, and EFFECTIVE on FIRST READING on AUGUST 16, 2021.



MICHAEL BYRUM-BRATSEN, MAYOR
CITY OF IOWA COLONY, TEXAS

ATTEST:



KAYLEEN ROSSER, CITY SECRETARY
CITY OF IOWA COLONY, TEXAS

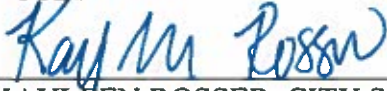


FURTHER PASSED AND APPROVED on SECOND READING on SEPTEMBER 20, 2021.



MICHAEL BYRUM-BRATSEN, MAYOR
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Iowa Colony/Ordinance/School Zone (08-16-20)

