

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NATALIA, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER 40, TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES, SECTION 40-53 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NATALIA, TEXAS; DESIGNATING CERTAIN STREETS ONE WAY STREETS ON SCHOOL DAYS ONLY; AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE GIVING NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF SUCH ONE WAY TRAFFIC; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY, REPEALER, AND SEVERABILITY AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, a recommendation and request has been made by the Natalia Independent School District based on their school route traffic plan to the City Council to designate one-way traffic at specific times during school days on Miller and Kearney Street during drop off and pick up of children near the Natalia Independent School District Campus; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that a public need exists for Eighth Street between Miller and Kearney Streets to be designated as one-way streets at specified times during school days only to protect the safety and welfare of teachers, children and families in the Natalia Independent School District Campus during the drop off and pick up times; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has further determined it would be in the public interest for the safety of its citizens and the children and families of the Natalia Independent School District Campus for signs to be erected along portions of Miller and Kearney streets to alert citizens of the one-way directional traffic during specific times and school days only.

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

SECTION 1. ONE-WAY SCHOOL ZONE

- a. Eight Street between Miller Street to Kearney Street is hereby designated for one-way traffic Northbound from 7:15 am to 8:15 am on school days only.
- b. Eight Street between Kearney Street to Miller Street is hereby designated for one-way traffic Southbound from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm on school days only.

SECTION 2. SIGNAGE

Signs shall be posted giving notice regarding the One Way directional traffic on Eight Street going south on Kearney Street from 7:15 am to 8:15 am on school days only, and going north on Miller Street from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm shall be erected along portions of those streets in the City of Natalia.

SECTION 3. PENALTY

The penalty provisions are those related to violations in school crossing zones and are applicable in this Ordinance. Any person who violates this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined a sum not to exceed \$500.00. Each occurrence in violation of this Ordinance and/or each day the violation continues shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

SECTION 4. REPEALER

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY

If any word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, section or other part of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall ever be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance and the application of such word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, section or other part of this ordinance to any other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective from and after its date of passage and publication as provided by law.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Natalia this the 17th day of October, 2016.

APPROVED:

Sam Smith, Mayor Pro-Tem

Attest:

Lisa Hernandez, City Administrator