

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 SECTIONS OF FM-471 A SCHOOL ZONE ONLY WHEN TRAFFIC SIGNAL IS FLASHING; AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE GIVING NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF SUCH SCHOOL ZONE; DECLARING A MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY, REPEALER, AND SEVERABILITY AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in Natalia, Texas, an engineering and traffic investigation has been made to determine the maximum, reasonable and prudent speeds on the section of:

FM 471 from MP 40.388, approximately 400' northwest of 8th Street, southeasterly to MP 40.539, approximately 400' southeast of 9th Street, for a distance of 0.151 miles approximately.

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the engineering and traffic investigation that the maximum, reasonable and prudent speeds for the section of highway described above are as shown on the attached plans.

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

SECTION 1. SCHOOL ZONE

A School Zone is hereby located on FM 471 from MP 40.388, approximately 400' northwest of 8th Street, southeasterly to MP 40.539, approximately 400' southeast of 9th Street, for a distance of 0.151 miles approximately; and,

SECTION 2. SIGNAGE

A Traffic Signal shall be erected giving notice to the public that the School Zone is in effect when traffic signal is flashing; and,

SECTION 3. SPEED LIMIT

Declaring the maximum, reasonable and prudent speed limit to this school zone shall be set at a speed of 30 mph, and only enforced when the school zone traffic signal is flashing.

SECTION 3. PENALTY

The penalty provisions are those related to violations in school 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All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.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, and erection of a school zone traffic signal.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Natalia this the 19th day of December, 2016.

APPROVED:

Attest:

Lisa Hernandez, City Administrator