

ORDINANCE NO. 18-0514-2

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NATALIA, TEXAS, HEREBY AMENDS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 40, TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; BEING SECTION 40-1, DEFINITIONS; SECTION 40-24, SCHOOL BUSES; SECTION 40-52, TRAFFIC CONTROL SCHEDULES; SECTION 40-53, ONE-WAY & SCHOOL ZONES; SECTION 40-54, SIGNAGE; SECTION 40-84, SPEED ZONE SCHEDULE; AND SECTION 40-114, PARKING RESTRICTION SCHEDULE; AMENDMENTS TO SECTIONS SHALL READ AS HEREIN CONTAINED; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, SAVINGS CLAUSE AND REPEALER.

WHEREAS, certain sections of Chapter 40 of the City of Natalia Code of Ordinances do not specifically describe traffic and vehicle schedules; and,

WHEREAS, amendments to sections of Chapter 40 of the City of Natalia Code of Ordinances will clearly identify definitions, school bus routes, school zones, traffic control signs, speed limits, parking restrictions to eliminate certain verbiage contained in sections designated as *“The city’s...schedule is on file in the office of the city secretary”*; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police and City Administrator reviewed and determined that identifying traffic and vehicle schedules to sections of Chapter 40 of the City of Natalia Code of Ordinances is necessary to improve operations and management within the regulatory limits of the laws adopted by the City Council of the City of Natalia, Texas, and those governed by the State of Texas; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Natalia, Texas, agrees that broader clarification and identification of traffic and vehicle regulations is necessary to encourage public compliance, and to assist officers, personnel and members of the municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NATALIA, TEXAS, THAT THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 40, TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES SHALL BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

1) ARTICLE I, SECTION 40-1. DEFINITIONS. The following definitions shall be added to this section to read as follows:

Hand-held Communication Device means a wireless communication device which requires the user to engage in communication using at least one hand, or disabled persons prosthetic device or physical aid.

School Zone means a reduced-speed limit designated on certain streets, being within the boundaries of public or private school, declaring a maximum, reasonable, safe and prudent speed limit to facilitate safe crossing of the street by children going to or leaving a public or private school during the time and days school is in session.

Wireless Communication Device means a voice telecommunications device, text messaging device or other electronic, two-way communication device that is designed to receive and/or transmit voice, text, messages, pictorial communication, whether by internet, telephone or

cellular network, or other means of electronically transferred data. The term includes mobile or cellular telephone, or personal digital assistants (PDA).

2) ARTICLE II, SECTION 40-24. SCHOOL BUSES. This section shall be amended to read as follows:

(b) Prohibited on certain street areas. It is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to drive, operate, or cause to be operated a school bus upon any street in the city except that portion bordering with the Natalia Independent School District of 8th Street between Kearney Street to FM-471; that portion of Kearney Street between 8th Street to State Highway 132; that portion of Miller Street between 8th Street to 9th Street; and that portion of 9th Street between Miller Street to FM-471. Provided, however, this prohibition shall not apply to school buses designed to carry 24 or less passengers.

3) ARTICLE III, SECTION 40-52. TRAFFIC CONTROL SCHEDULES ADOPTED. This section shall be amended to read as follows:

The city maintains, as amended from time to time, and adopts by reference as though fully set forth in this article, schedules of stop, yield and other controlled intersections, and schedules of streets designated for particular uses such as one-way streets. The city's traffic control schedules are as follows:

One-way stops:

Flores Street connecting to State Highway 132
Depot Street connecting to FM-471
Cresson Street connecting to State Highway 132
Kearney Street connecting to State Highway 132
Pearson Street connecting to State Highway 132
Miller Street connecting to State Highway 132
FM-471 connecting to State Highway 132
Town & Country Lane connecting to State Highway 132
Ross MH Park connecting to 3rd Street East
Bartlett Street connecting to 3rd Street
Palfrey Street connecting to 3rd Street
Bennett Street connecting to 6th Street
7th Street connecting to Pearson Street
7th Street connecting to Aubrey Street
7th Street connecting to Cresson Street
Bartlett Street connecting to 7th Street
8th Street connecting to FM-471
9th Street connecting to FM-471
9th Street connecting to Miller Street
Del Monte Street connecting to FM-471
Heather Hollow connecting to FM-471
Mustang Ridge connecting to Southeast IH-35 Access Road

Mustang Ridge connecting to Palomino Trail
Colt Trail connecting to Mustang Ridge

Two-way Stops:

Aubrey Street connecting to State Highway 132
3rd Street connecting to FM-471
3rd Street connecting to Aubrey Street
3rd Street connecting to Cresson Street
4th Street connecting to FM-471
4th Street connecting to Cresson Street
4th Street connecting to Kearney Street
4th Street connecting to Miller Street
5th Street connecting to FM-471
6th Street connecting to FM-471
6th Street connecting to Aubrey Street
6th Street connecting to Cresson Street
6th Street connecting to Kearney Street
6th Street connecting Miller Street

Three-way Stops:

Northeast side of IH-35 Overpass Bridge and Access Road

Four-way Stops:

Northwest side of IH-35 Overpass Bridge and Access Road intersecting at FM-471
Intersection of 3rd Street and Kearney Street
Intersection of 3rd Street and Pearson Street
Intersection of 3rd Street and Miller Street
Intersection of 4th Street and Bartlett Street
Intersection of 4th Street and Aubrey Street
Intersection of 4th Street and Pearson Street
Intersection of 4th Street and Palfrey Street
Intersection of 5th Street and Cresson Street
Intersection of 5th Street and Kearney Street
Intersection of 5th Street and Miller Street
Intersection of 5th Street and Palfrey Street
Intersection of 6th Street and Bartlett Street
Intersection of 6th Street and Pearson Street
Intersection of 6th Street and Palfrey Street
Intersection of 7th Street and Kearney Street
Intersection of 8th Street and Kearney Street
Intersection of 8th Street and Pearson Street
Intersection of 8th Street and Miller Street
Intersection of 8th Street and Palfrey Street
Intersection of 9th Street and Palfrey Street

Yields:

- 1 sign at CR 6717 connecting to Southwest IH-35 Access Road
- 1 sign at Northeast of IH-35 Access Road connecting to IH-35 Entrance Ramp
- 2 signs at Northwest side of IH-35 Access Road connecting to CR 6767
- 2 signs at Southeast side of IH-35 Access Road and Exiting Ramp
- 1 sign at Heather Circle connecting to Heather Hollow

Control Devices:

- Yellow Caution Blinking Lights at intersection of State Highway 132 and Depot Street
- Yellow Caution Blinking Lights at Intersection of State Highway 132 and FM-471

4) ARTICLE III. SECTION 40-53. ONE-WAY STREETS; SCHOOL ZONES. This subsection shall be added to this section to read as follows:

- (d) A school zone is hereby located on 9th Street between FM-471 and Miller Street; 8th Street between FM-471 and Kearney Street; and those portions of 7th Street between Kearney and Miller Street, Kearney Street between 7th and 9th Street, Pearson Street between 7th and 9th Street, Miller Street between 7th and 9th Street, Palfrey Street between 8th and 9th Street; and declaring the maximum, reasonable, safe and prudent speed limit to this school zone shall be set at a speed of 20 mph, and enforced at all times when school is in session.

5) ARTICLE III. SECTION 40-54. SIGNAGE. This section shall be amended to read as follows:

- (a) One-Way street signs shall be posted and erected along those portions of the streets giving notice regarding the one-way directional traffic on 8th Street between Miller Street to Kearney Street, and shall be enforced from 7:15 a.m. to 8:15 a.m., and from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., during days school is in session.
- (b) School Zone signs shall be posted at each street entering into the designated school zone; depicting the reduced speed limit, and enforced at all times when school is in session, unless otherwise set within the chapter.

6) ARTICLE IV. SECTION 40-84. SPEED ZONE SCHEDULE. This section shall be amended to read as follows:

The city maintains, as amended from time to time, and adopts by reference as though fully set forth in this article, a speed zone schedule establishing various speed limits within the city. The city's speed zone schedules are as follows:

20 mph speed limit shall be set for:

- Designated school zones
- Any street located within Mustang Estates Subdivision

30 mph speed limit shall be set for:

Designated school zones
Portions of CR-772 located within city limits
Any street within any residential district of the city
Any road, street or highway within any district of the city not designated a speed zone

35 mph speed limit shall be set for:

State Highway 132 between Aubrey Street and the 2200 Block of State Highway 132

40 mph speed limit shall be set for:

FM-471 between IH-35 Access Road and State Highway 132
FM-471 South between State Highway 132 westbound to city limit boundary line

45 mph speed limit shall be set for:

State Highway 132 between Aubrey Street and south of Fort Ewell Creek Bridge
State Highway 132 between the 2200 Block and the 2600 Block of State Highway 132

50 mph speed limit shall be set for:

State Highway 132 between the 2600 Block to city limit boundary line

55 mph speed limit shall be set for:

IH-35 Southbound Access Road
IH-35 Northbound Access Road
State Highway 132 between south Fort Ewell Creek Bridge to city limit boundary line

- 7) **ARTICLE V. SECTION 40-114. PARKING RESTRICTION SCHEDULE.** This section shall be amended to read as follows:

The city maintains, as amended from time to time, and adopts by reference as though fully set forth in this article, a schedule establishing various no and limited parking zones within the city. The city's parking restriction schedules are as follows:

No Parking

Designated Fire Zones
FM-471 between 3rd Street and State Highway 132
74 feet from FM-471 heading northbound on State Highway 132
3rd Street between FM-471 and Ross Mobile Home Park
8th Street between Kearney Street and Pearson Street
20 feet on State Highway 132 north of Miller Street
20 feet on State Highway 132 south of Pearson Street

Limited Parking

Parking is restricted on State Highway 132 between Miller Street and Pearson Street to public parking lot only.

8) SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

Should any part, sentence, phrase or section of this ordinance be determined to be unlawful, void or unenforceable, the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance shall not be adversely affected. No portion of the ordinance shall fail or become inoperative by reason of the invalidity of any other part. All provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

9) SAVINGS CLAUSE

The repeal or amendment of any ordinance or part of ordinances affected by the enactment of this Ordinance shall not be construed as abandoning any action now pending under or by virtue of such ordinance or as discontinuing, abating, modifying, or altering any penalty accruing or to accrue or as affecting any right of the City of Natalia under any section or provisions of any ordinance in effect at the time of passage of this Ordinance.

10) REPEALER CLAUSE

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in force when the provisions of this Ordinance becomes effective which are inconsistent or in conflict with the terms and provisions contained in this Ordinance are hereby repealed only to the extent of such conflict.

11) EFFECTIVE DATE

This here ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication as required by State Law.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2018 by the majority vote of the Governing Body of the City of Natalia, Texas.

Approved:

Tommy F. Ortiz
Mayor

Attest:

Lisa S. Hernandez,
City Administrator/Secretary, TRMC