

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE June 23, 2023

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Upcoming Agenda Item #24 for June 28, 2023, City Council Agenda - Ordinance Amending Chapter 28 “Motor Vehicles and Traffic”**

As part of the June 28, 2023, City Council Agenda, Item #24 will be considered for approval of the ordinance amending Chapter 28. Chapter 28, “Motor Vehicles and Traffic”, of the Dallas City Code governs speed limits, school zone locations and extents, parking regulations, streetcar regulations, and many other related items. On a continual basis, Department of Transportation staff communicate with school administrators, residents, and partner agencies regarding changes to school locations, traffic patterns, and other needs, and must update the City code to reflect necessary changes. Listed below are planned amendments to Chapter 28, along with high-level information on the reasoning for the proposed changes. As noted in a December 2021, memorandum, staff will continue to update the code on a semi-annual basis.

Speed Limit Changes		
SEC. 28-44 STREETS OTHER THAN EXPRESSWAYS AND FREEWAYS.		
Street Name & Extent	Council District(s)	Speed & Cause
Street- East Grand Avenue, Extent- Tenison Parkway to Gaston Avenue	2, 14	Speed- 35 MPH, Cause- Aligning posted speed limit with TxDOT speed study recommendations
Street- Garland Road, Extent- Gaston Avenue to Tranquilla Drive	2, 9	Speed- 35 MPH, Cause- Aligning posted speed limit with TxDOT speed study recommendations

School Zone Changes		
SEC. 28-50 SPEED IN SCHOOL ZONES; SIGNS; DESIGNATED STREETS ADDITIONS (20 MPH)		
Street Name, Block Range, & Extent	Council District(s)	Cause
Street- Eastridge Drive (6500-6700), Extent- 200’ N. of Ridgecrest Road to 250’ S. of Ridgecrest Road	13	Cause- Temporary School Zone
Street- East Grand Avenue (7200-7500), Extent- 290’ S. to 530’ N. of La Vista Drive	1	Cause- Extend School Zone

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Street -Hillcrest Road (14000-14200), Extent -220' S. of Spring Valley Road to 30' S. of Meadowcreek Drive	11	Cause - New School Zone
Street -Ridgecrest Road (6200-6400), Extent -220' W. of Eastridge Drive to 100' E. of Eastridge Drive	13	Cause - Temporary School Zone
Street - Ross Avenue (4700-4900), Extent -80' E. of Grigsby Avenue to 400' W. of Bennett Avenue	2	Cause - Existing school zone was for a school that is no longer operating. School zone extents needed to be adjusted to accommodate an existing school
Street - Spring Valley Road (6600-6900), Extent -800' W. of Hillcrest Road to 50' W. of Brookridge Drive	11	Cause - New School Zone
Street - Umphress Road (7600-7900), Extent -250' E. of Prichard Lane to 250' E. of Hillburn Drive	5	Cause - Extend School Zone
DELETIONS (20 MPH)		
Street -Polk Street Cut-Off (600), Extent -250'N. to 300'S. of Page Avenue	1	Cause -Existing school zone is located at a far distance from its assigned campus. School zone is not needed at this location
Street -S. Tyler Street (500-600), Extent -250'S. to 200'N. of Page Avenue	1	Cause - Existing school zone is located at a far distance from its assigned campus. School zone is not needed at this location
Street -Willow Lane (4800-4900), Extent -90'W. of Shirestone Lane to 160'W. of Drujon Lane	13	Cause -School Zone installed on Inwood Road better suits school activity rendering this location unnecessary
SEC. 28-60 ONE-WAY STREETS IN SCHOOL ZONES ADDITIONS (20 MPH)		
Street Name & Extent	Council District	Direction
Street - N. Prairie Avenue, Extent - Ross Avenue to San Jacinto Street	2	Direction - Northwest

Further, minor changes to Section 28-114.1 "Zones Within the Central Business District" and Section 28-193 "Streetcar Regulations" are necessary to provide routine updates and to expand the definition of streetcar to include trolleys operating within the public right-of-way. The changes are indicated by the blue underline for additions and ~~red strikethrough~~ for deletions.

SEC. 28-114.1. ZONES WITHIN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT.

<u>STREET</u>	<u>BLOCK(S)</u>	<u>SIDE(S)</u>	<u>EXTENT</u>
Bellevue Street	900-1000	Both	<u>Botham Jean Boulevard</u> Lamar Street to Wall Street

<u>Botham Jean Boulevard</u> Lamar Street	1400-2000	Both	Bellevue Street to Corinth Street
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SEC. 28-193. DEFINITIONS.

- (3) STREETCAR means a ~~self-powered~~ vehicle used for transporting persons or property that is operated upon rails within a public right-of-way: and can be either self-powered or powered by overhead electrical cables. A trolley is considered a streetcar for the purposes of this chapter.

Department of Transportation staff will continue to review Chapter 28 for any necessary amendments and bring any required updates to the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the City Council for review and adoption.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Ghassan "Gus" Khankarli, Ph.D. P.E., PMP, CLTD, Director of the Department of Transportation, Ghassan.khankarli@dallas.gov.



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