

ORDINANCE NO. 103

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLS, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING MAXIMUM, REASONABLE AND PRUDENT RATES OF SPEED ON CERTAIN PORTIONS OF CERTAIN STREETS AND HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF BELLS; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; FIXING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION HEREOF; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

WHEREAS, by authority and direction of the City Council of the City of Bells, Texas, an engineering and traffic study and survey have been made by the Transportation Operations Office of the Texas Department of Transportation to determine the maximum, reasonable and prudent speeds for vehicles traveling upon the following named streets and highways and parts thereof, to facilitate the most effective use of said streets and highways and the safe and effective movement of vehicular traffic thereon; and

WHEREAS, such study and survey establishes, and it is so found by the City Council of the City of Bells, Texas, that the following are the maximum, reasonable and prudent rates of speed for vehicular traffic upon said streets and highways and parts thereof:

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

SECTION 1. That no person shall drive a vehicle upon a public road, street and highway in the City of Bells, Texas, at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions and circumstances then existing. Except when a special hazard exists that requires lower speeds for compliance with the above requirement, the limits hereinafter set out shall be lawful, but any speed in excess of the limits as hereinafter set out for the streets and highways and portions thereof to which they apply shall be prima facie evidence that the speed is not reasonable or prudent:

ON P.M. HIGHWAY 1897 SOUTHERLY FROM THE NORTHERN CITY LIMITS OF BELLS FOR A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 1.516 MILES, A SPEED LIMIT OF FIFTY-FIVE (55) MILES PER HOUR AT ALL TIMES EXCEPT THAT A SCHOOL SPEED LIMIT OF THIRTY-FIVE (35) MILES PER HOUR WILL BE IN EFFECT ON SCHOOL DAYS ONLY AT THE SCHOOL CROSSING ZONE FROM APPROXIMATE HIGHWAY MILEPOST 4.330 TO APPROXIMATELY MILEPOST 4.530 ONLY DURING THE FOLLOWING HOURS.

FROM FORTY-FIVE (45) MINUTES BEFORE SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN, FROM THE BEGINNING TO THE END OF THE LUNCH PERIOD, IF NEEDED, AND FOR A THIRTY (30) MINUTE PERIOD BEGINNING AT THE CLOSE OF SCHOOL.

THENCE SOUTHERLY TO THE EDGE LINE OF U.S. HIGHWAY 69, FOR A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 0.605 MILES, A SPEED LIMIT OF FIFTY (50) MILES PER HOUR AT ALL TIMES; AS EVIDENCED BY THE ATTACHED PLAN WHICH IS HEREBY APPROVED AND MADE APART THEREOF.

SECTION 2. THAT ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE ARE HEREBY REPEALED.

SECTION 3. THAT ANY PERSON VIOLATING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND UPON CONVICTION THEREOF, SHALL BE PUNISHED BY A FINE NOT EXCEEDING TWO HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$200.00)

SECTION 4. THAT IT IS HEREBY OFFICIALLY FOUND AND DETERMINED THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW AND THAT PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE TIME, PLACE, AND PURPOSE OF SAID MEETING WAS GIVEN AS REQUIRED.

1ST READING this the 6 day of Feb, 1996
2ND READING this the 5 day of March, 1996
EFFECTIVE DATE: 7 day of March, 1996

Don R Mullins
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Julia V. Venable
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

[Signature]
CITY ATTORNEY