

CITY OF BELLS, TX
ORDINANCE #103A-7/97

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MAXIMUM, REASONABLE AND PRUDENT RATES OF SPEED ON CERTAIN PORTIONS OF CERTAIN STREETS AND HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF BELLS REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; FIXING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION HEREOF; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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:

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:

I.

On U.S. Highway 69, from the North City Limits of Bells approximate highway TRM 206+1.004 southerly to approximate highway TRM 208+0.682, a distance of approximately 1.679 miles, a speed limit of sixty-five (65) miles per hour at all times as authorized by Transportation Commission Minute _____, thence southerly for a distance of approximately 0.382 miles, a speed limit of fifty (50) miles per hour at all times; thence southerly for a distance of approximately 0.288 miles, a speed limit of forty-five (45) miles per hour at all times; thence southerly for a distance of approximately 0.648 miles, a speed limit of thirty-five (35) miles per hour at all times except that a school speed limit of twenty-five (25) miles per hour will be effective on school days only at the crossing zone, from approximate TRM 208+1.810 to approximate TRM 208+1.968 a distance of approximately 0.158 miles, only during the following hours:

from 45 minutes before school opens until classes begin;
from the beginning to the end of the lunch period, if needed, and for a thirty minute period beginning at the close of school;

thence southerly for a distance of approximately 0.758 miles, a speed limit of fifty (50) miles per hour at all times; thence southerly a distance of approximately 0.515 miles, a speed limit of sixty (60) miles per hour at all times; thence southerly from approximate highway TRM 210+1.273 to approximate highway TRM 210+1.736 the south city limits of Bells, a distance of approximately 0.463 miles, a speed limit of sixty-five (65) miles per hour at all times as authorized by Transportation Commission Minute _____ as evidenced by the attached plan which is hereby approved and made a part thereof.

II.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in force in the City of Bells, Texas, which conflict with the terms and provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as they conflict with this ordinance, but all other portions of said ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

III.

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 (\$200.00) DOLLARS.

IV.

The fact that present traffic regulations are inadequate to control traffic in areas covered by this ordinance creates an emergency which is here and now declared, and all rules and regulations providing for the reading of ordinance is passed as an emergency measure and shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication and after the installation of speed limit signs.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 1st day of July, 1997.

Louis H. Shearer,
MAYOR

Julia Trimble
CITY SECRETARY