ORDINANCE NO. 1178-06-18

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12, SECTION 12.04 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF HONDO, AMENDING THE HOURS FOR SCHOOL ZONES AND PROVIDING A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$500 FOR A VIOLATION THEREOF; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVING CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Hondo is a home-rule city operating under its city charter; and

WHEREAS, Section 542.202 of the Transportation Code provides that a local authority may designate school crossing zones; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 12, Article 12.04 of the City Code of Ordinances provides that the city council designate school crossing zones as recommended by the city manager; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hondo desires to revise the times for school crossing zones within the city boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the city council hereby finds and determines that the amendments set forth herein are in the best interest of the public and are adopted in furtherance of the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare.

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

SECTION 1. Amendment. The first paragraph of Section 12.04.163 of the Code of Ordinances is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

From 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., on school days, the following regulations shall be in effect and shall apply to all vehicles passing through the school crossings and school zones designated in <u>section</u> 12.04.161 [and section 12.04.162] hereof: (1995 Code, sec. 10.701(c))

SECTION 2. Recitals. The City Council finds the recitals contained in the preamble to this ordinance are true and correct and incorporates them for all purposes.

SECTION 3. Penalty. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500 in accordance with the general penalty provision found in section 1.01.009 of the City of Hondo Code of Ordinances for each offense. In the event of a conflict or inconsistency between this ordinance and any other resolution, code or ordinance of the City, or parts thereof, the terms and provisions of this ordinance shall govern.

SECTION 4. Savings Clause. All rights and remedies of the City of Hondo are expressly saved as to any and all violations of the provisions of the Code of Ordinances, City of Hondo or any other ordinances regarding speed limits that have accrued at the time of the effective date of this ordinance; and, as to such accrued violations and all pending litigation, both civil and criminal, whether pending in court or not, under such ordinances, same shall not be affected by this ordinance but may be prosecuted until final disposition by the courts.

SECTION 5. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application of any provision to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications hereof which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION 6. Publication Clause. The City Secretary of the City of Hondo is hereby directed to publish the caption, penalty clause and effective date of this ordinance in the official newspaper of the City of Hondo.

SECTION 7. Open Meetings. That it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance is passed was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as a required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Local Government Code.

SECTION 8. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HONDO, TEXAS, THIS 11TH DAY OF JUNE 2018.

James W. Danner Sr.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Miguel Cantu City Secretary