

ORDINANCE NO. 2248

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALAMO HEIGHTS, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 18, TRAFFIC, SECTION 18-147, SCHEDULE B, STOP SIGNS BY CREATING A NEW FOUR WAY STOP INTERSECTION AT COLUMBINE STREET AND NORMANDY AVENUE AND PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND OPEN MEETINGS CLAUSE.

WHEREAS, the regulation of traffic, motor vehicles and conveyances upon all public streets, roadway and rights-of-way within the City limits of the City of Alamo Heights (the "City") is essential and necessary to protect the traveling public and to preserve and protect the public safety of the City; and

WHEREAS, sections 311.001 and 542.202(a) (10) of the Texas Transportation Code provides that a municipality has exclusive control over and under the public highways, streets, and alleys of the municipality and the authority to designate which streets will have no parking locations; and

WHEREAS, residents in the 100 and 200 blocks of Normandy Avenue have requested consideration to replace the existing two-way stop intersection on Normandy Avenue with Columbine Street with a four-way stop at that intersection because of concerns for the volume of traffic and desire a safe neighborhood play environment for the children and pedestrians on the block; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has conducted a twelve (12) hour study of the intersection between the hours of 7:00am and 7:00pm for the 100 and 200 blocks of Normandy Avenue and Columbine Street, both directions of travel, and although traffic speeds were less than the posted speed limit but some vehicles and cyclists travelling on Columbine failed to stoop at the existing stop creating a concern for pedestrians and children playing and walking to school during peak traffic periods; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department recommends a four-way stop intersection by installing stop signs for Normandy Avenue and Columbine;

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

SECTION 1: Findings. The recitals are found to be true and correct and are hereby incorporated as part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2: Amendments to Chapter 18. Chapter 18 ("Traffic") Section 18-147 (4) shall be amended, which is entitled "Schedule B-Stop Signs (2) four-way stop signs" which shall be amended to include the following intersection to add a three-way stop sign and to read as follows:

Sec. 18-147. - Schedule B – Stop Signs

(4) At the following intersections, four-way stop signs will be installed:

Columbine Street with Normandy Avenue

SECTION 3. All remaining provisions of Chapter 18 ("Traffic ") Section 18-147, " Schedule B-Stop Signs" shall remain unchanged except for the amendment to add the intersection underlined in Section 2 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. Conflicting Ordinances or Resolutions. All resolutions or ordinances or parts thereof conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance as adopted and amended herein, are hereby REPEALED to the extent of such conflict. 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 5. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any purpose, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION 6. Open Meetings. 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 required by the Open Meetings Act.

SECTION 7. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective from and after its approval and passage in accordance with the Texas Local Government Code and the city charter.

PRESENTED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALAMO HEIGHTS, TEXAS THIS 14th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2025.




ALBERT HONIGBLUM, MAYOR

ATTEST:



ELSA T. ROBLES, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



FRANK J. GARZA, CITY ATTORNEY

