

ORDINANCE NO. 2207

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 ST DENNIS AVENUE AND ENCINO AVENUE, A NEW THREE WAY STOP INTERSECTION AT ST. DENNIS AVENUE AND BRONSON AVENUE, AND CREATING A NEW STOP INTERSECTION AT BRONSON AVENUE AND ENCINO AVENUE AND PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY; REPEALING ALL PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND OPEN MEETINGS CLAUSE.

WHEREAS, the regulation of traffic, motor vehicles and conveyances upon all public streets, roadway and right-of-ways 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 cite concerns for the volume of traffic and vehicles traveling at speeds faster than the 25 mph speed zone on Abiso Avenue and Imlay Street and have expressed the need for a four-way stop sign; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department conducted a study of the intersection and found the twenty-four (24) hour traffic volume in the 300 block Abiso Avenue and Imlay Avenue, raised a concern for pedestrians and children playing and walking to school during peak traffic periods and the four-way stop designation for Imlay Street and Abiso Avenue is consistent with nine other intersections designated as four-way stop between Argo Avenue and Ogden Lane;

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

SECTION 1: Findings. The recitals are hereby 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 (2) 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 four-way stop sign and to read as follows:

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

- (1) At the following intersection stop signs will be installed so that on the first named street, traffic will have the right-of-way; and on the second named street or group of streets, traffic will stop;

Bronson Avenue with Encino Avenue

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

St. Dennis Avenue and Encino Avenue

(3) At the following intersection, three-way stop signs will be installed

St. Dennis Avenue and Bronson Avenue, west, southeast and northwest corners

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 24TH DAY OF JULY 2023.


BOBBY ROSENTHAL, MAYOR

ATTEST:


ELSA T. ROBLES, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


RICHARD LINDNER, CITY ATTORNEY

