



CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION ITEM

CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS

AGENDA TOPIC: Consideration and possible action approving the first reading of an ordinance establishing stop signs at various intersections within the corporate limits of the City; authorizing the codification of street stop and yield signs in Chapter 12; Section 12.01.002 of the City's Code of Ordinances; prescribing for a penalty of not less than \$25 nor more than \$500; providing for an effective date; and providing for the publication of the caption hereof.

DATE: May 16, 2024

DEPARTMENT: Police Department

PRESENTED BY: Tim Moring, Chief of Police

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:

Our city is a bedroom community which desires to retain that flavor. As a council and staff, we are committed to fulfilling our residents' expressed desires to protect our quality of life and provide for public health and safety. Stop and yield street signs provide enhanced safe and efficient intersections for vehicles and pedestrians. The City is authorized by Title 7, Subchapter C of the Texas Transportation Code to establish and regulate compliance with rules governing the use of public streets.

At the February 1, 2024 City Council workshop, staff presented an Intersection Analysis study relative to Battle Intense, Hansel Drive, and High Eschelon. After reviewing the findings of the study, Council provided staff direction to install an additional stop sign at Battle Intense and High Eschelon changing the intersection from a three-way to a four-way stop.

Throughout the years, various ordinances have been approved establishing and defining stop and yield street signs within the corporate limits of the City. After staff performed a comprehensive inventory, six intersections were found not to be approved by ordinance. The oversight occurred with the 2017 annexations and also from two Front Gate street intersections from ordinances 2018-02 and 2022-10 (note: a law enforcement agreement exists with this subdivision). The affected intersections include the following.

1. Intersection of Dietz Elkhorn Road and Enchanted Glen
2. Intersection of Dietz Elkhorn Road and Old Dietz Elkhorn Road (2 signs)
3. Intersection of Enchanted Glen and Enchanted Elm, and Enchanted Glen and Enchanted Park.
4. Intersection of Gate Forest and Irving Way
5. Intersection of Shady Gate and Irving Way

For the effectiveness of enforcement and ease of tracking stop and yield signs in the city, staff believes it is appropriate to codify all street stop and yield signs in the city's Code of Ordinances; Chapter 12 – Traffic and Vehicles.

POLICY ANALYSIS/BENEFIT(S) TO CITIZENS:

1. Meets priority 4.1 of Strategic Action Plan – Enhance and Ensure Continuity of Police Services.
2. Preserves quality-of-life characteristics through compliance with state law.
3. Ensures legal means of enforcement are adopted by City Council.

LONGTERM FINANCIAL & BUDGETARY IMPACT:

N/A

LEGAL ANALYSIS:

Reviewed and approved by City Attorney's office.

RECOMMENDATION/PROPOSED MOTION:

I move to approve the first reading of the ordinance establishing street stop and yield signs at various city intersections and authorizing the codification of said into the city's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12.