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## CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION ITEM

### CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS

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**AGENDA TOPIC:** Consideration and possible action on the emergency approval of the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 12 Traffic and Vehicles, Article 12.01 General Provisions, Section 12.01.002 of the City of Fair Oaks Ranch Code of Ordinances establishing stop signs at the intersection of Noble Lark Drive and Kalkallo Drive and removal of a yield sign from said intersection.

**DATE:** August 1, 2024

**DEPARTMENT:** Public Works/Public Safety

**PRESENTED BY:** Grant Watanabe, Public Works Director  
Tim Moring, Chief of Police

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#### **INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:**

Last year residents residing on Noble Lark Drive and Kalkallo Drive noted an increase of traffic in using Noble Lark Road as a cut-through to and from Dietz Elkhorn Road. The heaviest traffic was causing safety concerns during school drop off and pick up times. In December 2023, after meetings with the Mayor and staff to discuss the concerns, the intersection was temporarily closed to assess the impacts to traffic flow in the area.

After numerous discussions regarding the closure of the roadway, an ordinance was brought to the Council for consideration on permanently closing the intersection. The City Council decided to postpone the closure and directed staff to find alternative methods to increase safety, mitigate traffic concerns, and collect timely and accurate data to be presented in the future.

Using data collected from previously conducted traffic studies, staff recommends removing the yield sign at the intersection of Noble Lark Drive and Kalkallo Drive and adding three stop signs at the same intersection. Findings for the addition of the stop signs include higher volumes of traffic than were originally anticipated when the roadway was designed, lack of dedicated pedestrian shoulders, and the proximity of school bus pick up and drop off location. Therefore, these proposed stop signs will help to mitigate the safety concerns at that intersection. Attached as **Exhibit A** is a depiction of the proposed new stop signs and removal of the existing yield sign locations.

Additionally, under Home Rule Charter Section 3.06F(4), if City Council determines that an emergency exists related to the public peace, health or safety, they can require immediate action be taken with 2/3 majority vote. With the first day of the 2024/2025 school year scheduled for August 12, 2024, immediate action is necessary to ensure the safety improvements are in place and effective enforcement action can be taken.

**POLICY ANALYSIS/BENEFIT(S) TO CITIZENS:**

1. Meets the 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:**

Purchase of stop signs, warning signs, and associated hardware.

**LEGAL ANALYSIS:**

Approved as to form by the City Attorney.

**RECOMMENDATION/PROPOSED MOTION:**

I move to approve the first reading on an ordinance amending Chapter 12 Traffic and Vehicles, Article 12.01 General Provisions, Section 12.01.002 of the City of Fair Oaks Ranch Code of Ordinances establishing stop signs at the intersection of Noble Lark Drive and Kalkallo Drive and removal of a yield sign from said intersection.