

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF IOWA COLONY, TEXAS, TEMPORARILY REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT ALONG CEDAR RAPIDS PARKWAY STARTING FROM THE SH 288 FRONTAGE ROAD TO A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 10,261 FEET WEST TO THE CITY LIMIT LINE DUE TO ONGOING CONSTRUCTION AND CURRENT ROADWAY CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FINDINGS OF AN EMERGENCY AND AN URGENT PUBLIC NECESSITY; PROVIDING PENALTIES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City Council of Iowa Colony, Texas, finds that ongoing construction and the deteriorating condition of the roadway along Cedar Rapids Parkway starting from the SH 288 frontage road to a distance of approximately 10,261 west to the city limit line, pose a significant risk to the safety of motorists, construction workers, and the general public; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that immediate action is necessary to reduce the speed limit in the affected area to mitigate the risk of accidents, and injuries, and

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds that an emergency and urgent public necessity exists that require the passage of this ordinance without two readings in order to protect public safety; and

WHEREAS, Section 545.356 of the Texas Transportation Code grants municipalities the authority to temporarily alter speed limits within their jurisdiction to promote public safety;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IOWA COLONY, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That speed limit along Cedar Rapids Parkway starting from the SH 288 frontage road to a distance of approximately 10,261 west to the city limit line is temporarily reduced to 25 miles per hour and shall remain in effect until such time as the construction is completed and the roadway conditions are deemed safe for normal speed limits, as determined by the City Engineer or authorized designee.

SECTION 2. That any person who violates the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed the amount set forth in the City's traffic ordinances for speeding violations.

SECTION 3. That if any part of this ordinance, of whatever size, is ever declared invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. That this ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

SECTION 5. That it is hereby officially found and determined that this meeting was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON MARCH 10, 2025

CITY OF IOWA COLONY, TEXAS

By: _____
Wil Kennedy, Mayor

ATTEST:

KAYLEEN ROSSER, CITY SECRETARY