



ENGINEERING SERVICES

To: Mayor and Town Council

From: Hulon T. Webb, Jr., P.E., Director of Engineering Services

**Through: Mario Canizares, Town Manager
Chuck Ewings, Assistant Town Manager**

Re: School Zone Ordinance Amendment

Town Council Meeting – September 10, 2024

Strategic Visioning Priority: 4. Provide Excellent Municipal Services

Agenda Item:

Consider and act upon an ordinance amending Section 12.09.004 "School Traffic Zones" of Chapter 12 "Traffic and Vehicles" of the Town's Code of Ordinances by modifying the limits and hours of operation of such zones.

Description of Agenda Item:

The Prosper Independent School District (PISD) recently informed the Town that the elementary school end time has changed for the 2024-2025 school year.

The new end time for the PISD elementary schools for the 2024-2025 school year is shown below. The start and end times for all PISD middle and high schools for the 2024-2025 school year remain the same as last year and are also shown below:

<u>Elementary School Hours - PISD</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>
Current	7:42 AM	2:52 PM
New	7:42 AM	3:00 PM
<u>Middle School Hours - PISD</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>
Current	8:15 AM	3:30 PM
<u>High School Hours - PISD</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>
Current	8:45 AM	4:10 PM

Typical hours of operation for school zones are from approximately 30 minutes before to approximately 15 minutes after the start of school and from approximately 15 minutes before to approximately 30 minutes after the end of school. With the change this year to the elementary school end time from 2:52 PM to 3:00 PM, it is necessary to change the school zone times as follows:

Elementary School Hours (Current)	School Zone Hours
7:42 AM to 2:52 PM	7:15 AM to 8:00 AM 2:35 PM to 3:20 PM
Elementary School Hours (New)	School Zone Hours
7:42 AM to 3:00 PM	7:15 AM to 8:00 AM 2:45 PM to 3:30 PM

Previously approved deviations from the typical hours of operation include the following:

- August 25, 2020 – Town Council approved extending the morning and afternoon school zone time along First Street for Rushing Middle School to start at the same time as the start of the morning and afternoon school zone hours for Stuber Elementary. This allows the school zone flashers along First Street to be active when the Stuber Elementary School students are crossing at First Street and Chaucer Drive. The PISD has a crossing guard placed at this intersection.
- July 23, 2019 – Town Council approved extending the afternoon school zone time along La Cima Boulevard at Amistad Drive to end 70 minutes after Folsom Elementary ends to allow students walking home from Rogers Middle School additional time to cross La Cima Boulevard. This corresponds to the July 25, 2017, approved deviation along La Cima Boulevard at Arrowhead Drive.
- July 25, 2017 – Town Council approved extending the afternoon school zone time on La Cima Boulevard at Arrowhead to end 70 minutes after Folsom Elementary ends to allow students walking home from Rogers Middle School additional time to cross La Cima Boulevard.
- December 9, 2014 – Town Council approved extending the morning school zone time for Rogers Middle School to start 45 minutes before school due to the significant volume of early pedestrian traffic.

Budget Impact:

The cost for the replacement of the school zone time placards is approximately \$2,000 and will be funded by Account Number 100-5640-50-01 (Public Works Streets - Signs and Hardware), and installed by the Public Works Department.

Legal Obligations and Review:

Terrence Welch of Brown & Hofmeister, L.L.P., has reviewed the ordinance as to form and legality.

Attached Documents:

1. Ordinance

Town Staff Recommendation:

Town Staff recommends that the Town Council approve an ordinance amending Section 12.09.004 "School Traffic Zones" of Chapter 12 "Traffic and Vehicles" of the Town's Code of Ordinances by modifying the limits and hours of operation of such zone.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve an ordinance amending Section 12.09.004 "School Traffic Zones" of Chapter 12 "Traffic and Vehicles" of the Town's Code of Ordinances by modifying the limits and hours of operation of such zones.