



ENGINEERING SERVICES

To: Mayor and Town Council

From: Hulon T. Webb, Jr., Interim Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure Services

Through: Harlan Jefferson, Town Manager

Re: Town Council Meeting – July 26, 2022

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 announced the following new start and end times for the elementary school and high schools for the 2022-2023 school year.

<u>Elementary School Hours</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>
Current	7:45 AM	2:50 PM
New	7:42 AM	2:52 PM
<u>Middle School Hours</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>
No Change	8:15 AM	3:30 PM
<u>High School Hours</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>
Current	8:35 AM	4:04 PM
New	8:42 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. Because of the atypical proposed start and end times for the elementary school being so close to the current school zone times, the school zone times will remain unchanged and be set up to begin 27 minutes before school starts and end 18 after school starts, and begin 17 minutes before school ends and end 28 minutes after school ends.

This change will require that the Town revise the hours of operation for school zones associated with the following campus: Prosper High School. The change in school times and change in typical school zone hours are shown below. The elementary school zone hours and middle school hours remain unchanged.

Elementary School Hours (Current)	School Zone Hours
7:45 AM to 2:50 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 2:52 PM	7:15 AM to 8:00 AM 2:35 PM to 3:20 PM
Middle School Hours (No Change)	School Zone Hours
8:15 AM to 3:30 PM	7:45 AM to 8:30 AM 3:15 PM to 4:00 PM
High School Hours (Current)	School Zone Hours
8:35 AM to 4:04 PM	8:05 AM to 8:50 AM 3:50 PM to 4:35 PM
High School Hours (New)	School Zone Hours
8:45 AM to 4:10 PM	8:15 AM to 9:00 AM 3:55 PM to 4:40 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 Fishtrap Road 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 Fishtrap Road to be active when the Stuber Elementary School students are crossing at Fishtrap Road 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.
- 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.
- July 25, 2017 – Town Council approved extending the afternoon school zone time along 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.

Furthermore, this ordinance will add new school zones recently created due to the addition of Hall Elementary within the Star Trail development.

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.