



ENGINEERING SERVICES

To: Mayor and Town Council

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

Through: Mario Canizares, Town Manager
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Re: School Zone Ordinance Amendment

Town Council Meeting – July 25, 2023

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:

For the upcoming 2023-2024 school year, the Prosper Independent School District (PISD) will open its third high school, second in the Town of Prosper, named Walnut Grove High School. It is located on First Street between Coit Road and Custer Road. In addition, Denton Independent School District (DISD) will be opening its first campus in the Town of Prosper, Cheek Middle School, located on Denton Way just east of FM 1385 and north of Gee Road.

The start and end times for all PISD elementary, middle, and high schools for the 2023-2024 school year remain the same as last year, as shown below:

<u>Elementary School Hours - PISD</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>
Current	7:42 AM	2:52 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

While the start time for DISD's middle school is the same as PISD, the end time is slightly different, as shown below:

<u>Middle School Hours - DISD</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>
Current	8:15 AM	3:35 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. However, when the school zone ordinance was amended in 2022, because of the atypical, proposed start and end times for the elementary school being so close to the current school zone times at that time, the elementary school zone times remain unchanged and were 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. There are no proposed changes to the school zones for the elementary schools as shown below:

Elementary School Hours (2021-2022)	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 (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

For PISD, the middle school zone hours and high school zone hours remain unchanged, and the current high school zone hours will be applied to Walnut Grove High School.

Middle School Hours - PISD (Current)	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 - PISD (Current)	School Zone Hours
8:45 AM to 4:10 PM	8:15 AM to 9:00 AM 3:55 PM to 4:40 PM

For DISD, the school zone hours for Cheek Middle School are shown below:

Middle School Hours - DISD (Current)	School Zone Hours
8:15 AM to 3:35 PM	7:45 AM to 8:30 AM 3:20 PM to 4:05 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 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.

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.