

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-39

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TOMBALL, TEXAS AMENDING ITS CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 18, ENVIRONMENT, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 18-169, BUSINESS HOURS OF OPERATION; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000 FOR EACH DAY OF VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION HEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, MAKING FINDINGS OF FACT; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

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WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Tomball, Texas, finds that it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens to establish business hours of operation as set forth herein; now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOMBALL, TEXAS:

Section 1. The facts and matters contained in the preamble to this ordinance are hereby found to be true and correct.

Section 2. The Code of Ordinances is amended by adding a new Section 18-169, Business hours of operation to read as follows:

Sec. 18-169. Business hours of operation.

It shall be unlawful for a gas station or convenience store (with or without gasoline sales) to be open for business between the hours of 11:01 pm and 4:59 am. Exemptions to this provision include:

- (1) Gas stations or convenience stores (with or without gasoline sales) with frontage along FM 2920, SH 249 Business, Tomball Parkway, Hufsmith-Kohrville Road, and Holderrieth Road.
- (2) Gas stations or convenience stores (with or without gasoline sales) that are not contiguous to a residential zoning district as defined in Section 50-82.
- (3) During a disaster or emergency declaration as declared by the Mayor of the City of Tomball.

Secs. 18-170 - 18-185. Reserved.

Section 3. Any person who shall intentionally, knowingly, recklessly or with criminal negligence violate any provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction, shall be fined in an amount not to exceed \$2,000. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 4. In the event any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, provision, sentence, or part of this Ordinance or the application of the same to any person or circumstance shall for any reason be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect, impair, or invalidate this Ordinance as a whole or any part or provision hereof other any part or provision hereof other than the part declared to be invalid or unconstitutional; and the City Council of Tomball, Texas, declares that it would have passed each and every part of the same notwithstanding the omission of any and every part of the same notwithstanding the omission of any such part thus declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, or whether there be one or more parts.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and the publication of the caption hereof, as provided by law and the City’s Home Rule Charter.

FIRST READING:

READ, PASSED AND APPROVED AS SET OUT BELOW AT THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOMBALL HELD ON THE 18th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024.

COUNCILMAN FORD	<u>YEA</u>
COUNCILMAN GARCIA	<u>NAY</u>
COUNCILMAN DUNAGIN	<u>YEA</u>
COUNCILMAN COVINGTON	<u>YEA</u>
COUNCILMAN PARR	<u>YEA</u>

SECOND READING:

READ, PASSED, AND ORDAINED AS SET OUT BELOW AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOMBALL, HELD ON THE ____ DAY OF _____ 2024.

COUNCILMAN FORD	_____
COUNCILMAN GARCIA	_____
COUNCILMAN DUNAGIN	_____
COUNCILMAN COVINGTON	_____
COUNCILMAN PARR	_____

LORI KLEIN QUINN, Mayor
City of Tomball

ATTEST:

Tracy Garcia, City Secretary
City of Tomball