

City Council Meeting

Agenda Item

Data Sheet

Meeting Date: February 19, 2024

Topic:

Adopt, on First Reading, Ordinance 2024-05, an Ordinance of the City of Tomball, Texas, Amending its Code of Ordinances, Section 44-164, Parking Restricted on Certain Streets, Division 2, prohibited. Restricted on certain streets, of Article V, stopping, standing and parking, of Chapter 44, Traffic and Vehicles, establishing a “No Parking, Stopping or Standing” zone along either side of Rudel Drive beginning at the intersection of SH 249 and Rudel Drive, extending east approximately 1725 feet to the intersection of Rudel Drive and Quinn Road; providing a penalty in the amount not to exceed \$200 for each violation hereof; making finding of fact; and providing for other related matters.

Background:

We have received concerns regarding vehicles parking along either side of Rudel Drive between Business 249 and Quinn Road, during the week and weekends. Furthermore, parking along either side of Rudel Drive prevents emergency vehicles from safely traversing Rudel Drive as they restrict the view of emergency vehicle drivers, limit access to the full right-of-way, and slow the response times of emergency vehicles. These concerns have been evaluated by City staff and it was determined to be a safety hazard for vehicles turning either direction from Buvinghausen Street and optimal width for vehicle movement on east or west bound direction of travel.

Based on the traffic hazard being created, staff is recommending that a No Parking Zone be implemented along either side of Rudel Drive between SH 249 and Quinn Road in accordance with Section 545.302 of the Texas Transportation Code which prohibits stopping, standing, or parking within 30 feet on the approach to a flashing signal, stop sign, yield sign, or traffic-control signal located at the side of a roadway; or where an official sign prohibits stopping.

The recommended revisions to Section 44-164 are as follows:

It shall be unlawful for any person to park, stop or stand along either side of Rudel Drive, beginning at the intersection of SH 249 and Rudel Drive, extending east approximately 1725 feet to the intersection of Rudel Drive and Quinn Road.

Origination: Public Works

Recommendation:

Adopt, on First Reading, Ordinance Number 2024-05, authorizing a No Parking Zone along Rudel Drive.

Party(ies) responsible for placing this item on agenda:

Drew Huffman, Public Work Director

FUNDING (IF APPLICABLE)

Are funds specifically designated in the current budget for the full amount required for this purpose?

Yes: _____ No: _____ If yes, specify Account Number: # _____

If no, funds will be transferred from account # _____ To account # _____

Signed Drew Huffman Approved by _____
Staff Member Date City Manager Date