

ORDINANCE NO. 3943

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS PROVIDING FOR THE CLOSURE OF A PORTION OF COLORADO BOULEVARD TO THROUGH TRAFFIC; PROVIDING FOR INSTALLATION OF A TEMPORARY BARRICADE AND A PERMANENT EMERGENCY ACCESS GATE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of North Richland Hills, Texas is a home-rule municipality located in Tarrant County, Texas acting under its charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Boulevard was constructed as a local residential street and was never intended to function as a collector roadway; and

WHEREAS, traffic studies and neighborhood feedback indicate that Colorado Boulevard is being used by non-neighborhood motorists as a cut-through route between Harwood Road and Boulevard 26, creating safety and quality-of-life concerns; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on January 26, 2026, to receive public comment on the potential closure of Colorado Boulevard to through traffic; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that closing Colorado Boulevard to through traffic will reduce cut-through traffic, improve neighborhood safety, and align with modern planning principles discouraging direct residential connections between major roadways; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the neighborhood retains adequate connectivity to major roadways and that the proposed closure is in the public interest;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1: Colorado Boulevard is hereby closed to through traffic between Harwood Road and Boulevard 26, and the closure shall be established by a permanent barricade, which shall serve as an emergency access gate, located at a point approximately 270 feet north of Boulevard 26, just to the north of the intersection of Standley Street with Colorado Boulevard.

SECTION 2: Implementation of this closure shall be as follows:

- (a) City staff shall install a temporary barricade at the location described in Section 1 within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Ordinance.
- (b) Within six (6) months of installation of the temporary barricade, City staff shall replace the barricade with a permanent emergency access gate to allow authorized emergency vehicles access while preventing general through traffic.

SECTION 3: If any section, subsection, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately following its passage.

AND IT IS SO ORDAINED.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 26th day of January, 2026.

CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS

Jack McCarty, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alicia Richardson
City Secretary/Chief Governance Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Bradley A. Anderle, City Attorney