

ORDINANCE NO. 3839

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS, AMENDING SECTION 54-102(b) OF THE NORTH RICHLAND HILLS CODE OR ORDINANCES; ALTERING THE PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMITS ESTABLISHED FOR VEHICLES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE TRANSPORTION CODE, CHAPTER 545, SECTION 545.356, UPON THE BASIS OF AN ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC INVESTIGATION ON IRON HORSE BOULEVARD WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS AS SET OUT IN THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING A PENALTY; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES AND REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of North Richland Hills, Texas (“the City”) is a home rule city acting under its power adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Chapter 545 of the Texas Transportation Code, the City Council has the authority to regulate speed limits within its boundaries to create reasonable and safe driving conditions; and

WHEREAS, Iron Horse Boulevard between Northeast Loop 820 and Rufe Snow Drive is a pedestrian-oriented urban village environment with on-street parking, wide sidewalks, and other streetscaping amenities dissimilar to a typical suburban thoroughfare; and

WHEREAS, After a speed study and investigation, the City’s Engineer is recommending changes to the City’s ordinance establishing that posted speed limits be changed as herein established.

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

SECTION 1: The City Council hereby finds the recitals above to be true and correct, and such recitals are hereby incorporated into this Ordinance as if written herein.

SECTION 2: That Section 54-102(b) of the North Richland Hills Code of Ordinances be amended by amending the speed limits established for Iron Horse Boulevard and restating the following row to the table inset:

“TABLE INSET:

STREET / HIGHWAY		SPEED LIMIT (miles per hour)
26.	Iron Horse Boulevard:	
	a. Northeast Loop 820 to Rufe Snow:	30 mph
	b. Rufe Snow to Mid-Cities Boulevard:	35 mph

SECTION 3: Any person intentionally, knowingly, recklessly, or with criminal negligence violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined an amount not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

SECTION 4: This Ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of the Code of Ordinances of the City of North Richland Hills, except where the provisions of this Ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such ordinances and such Code, in which event conflicting provisions of such ordinances and such Code are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5: All rights and remedies of the City of North Richland Hills are expressly saved as to any and all violations of the provisions of any ordinances in the Code of Ordinances of the City of North Richland Hills that have accrued at the time of the effective date of this Ordinance; and, as to such accrued violations and all pending litigation, both civil and criminal, whether pending in court or not, under such ordinances, same shall not be affected by this Ordinance but may be prosecuted until final disposition by the courts.

SECTION 6: It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

SECTION 7: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required by law.

AND IT IS SO ORDAINED.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 12th day of February, 2024.

CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS

Oscar Trevino, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alicia Richardson
City Secretary/Chief Governance Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Cara White, Interim City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Caroline Waggoner, Assistant City Manager