



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** February 26, 2018

SUBJECT: Consider Ordinance No. 3503, amending Section 54-121 of the North Richland Hills Code of Ordinances; establishing a School Speed Zone on Rufe Snow Drive and Glenview Drive for the IL Texas Charter School and modifying the school zone for Alliene Mullendore Elementary School.

PRESENTER: Caroline Waggoner, City Engineer

SUMMARY:

The City Council is being asked to amend Section 54-121 of the Code of Ordinances to provide for a school speed zone on Rufe Snow and Glenview in the vicinity of the IL Texas Charter School and to modify the existing school zone for Mullendore Elementary School.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The International Leadership of Texas Charter School began classes at its North Richland Hills K-8 campus in January 2017. As a charter school with a large attendance zone, the school differs operationally from traditional local schools in that most students are not from the immediate area. As such, a school zone was not created for this campus as it was anticipated that there would be virtually no school age pedestrians walking to/from the campus. Now in their second year of enrollment in NRH, the school has seen the number of walking students double, and anticipates that number will increase with time. The school administration indicates that they see a trend in increased local enrollment at their campuses and all signs indicate that will be the case here as well.

The proposed ordinance establishes school zones on Rufe Snow Drive and Glenview Drive bordering the campus and extending beyond the school's driveways. Note that this school zone will partially overlap the school zone for Mullendore Elementary on Rufe Snow Drive, and will abut the Mullendore zone on Glenview Drive. In addition, Carma Drive will be included in the Mullendore Elementary school zone in order to increase safety on this road which is located at the junction of the two school zones. The school dates of instruction largely align, and the proximity of walkers is similar for both campuses.



The school start times are similar in the morning, with Mullendore beginning classes at 8:10am and the Charter School beginning 5th-8th grade at 7:45am and K-4th at 8:00am. The afternoon dismissal schedule currently begins with Mullendore at 3:25pm, followed by the Charter School 5th-8th graders at 3:45pm and K-4 at 4:00pm. It is anticipated that the new, merged school zone will run from 7:30am – 8:30am and 3:15 pm to 4:15pm.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Ordinance No. 3503